

Assessors

Town Records and Reports

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN of ACUSHNET



1977

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Fire Department (Emergency)	995-1423
Fire Department (Business)	995-1554
Police Department	995-5191

TOWN SERVICES

Accountant	998-1381
Assessors	995-0414
Building Inspector	995-0956
Cemetery Department	998-1441 763-2488
Civil Defense	995-5191
Council on Aging	995-8528
Dog Officer	995-5191
Free Library	995-5414
Gas Inspector	995-4734
Health Board	995-1908
Highway Department	995-4224
Park Department	995-1264
Planning Board	995-0806
Plumbing Inspector	995-4258
(Alternate)	763-2570
Selectmen	995-1141
Superintendent of Schools	995-1125
Tax Collector	995-2915
Town Clerk and Treasurer	995-2915
Tree Warden	763-2152
Veterans' Services	995-1141
Visiting Nurse	995-1908
Water Department	995-2512
Wire Inspector	995-1983

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ACUSHNET
Massachusetts



for the
Year Ending December 31st
1977

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In Memoriam
Ernest Oliveira
Deceased March 22, 1977
Council on Aging Member: 1974 to 1977

Annual Town Report, Town of Acushnet

Town Officers 1977 - 1978

Town Clerk - Treasurer - Collector

Yvonne B. Desrosiers	Term Expires 1978
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Board of Selectmen

Natalio Gomes	Term Expires 1978
John Sylvia	Term Expires 1979
Frederick L. Duguay, Jr.	Term Expires 1980

Board of Assessors

Eugene L. Dabrowski	Term Expires 1978
Rudolph H. Urbanek	Term Expires 1979
James S. Madruga, Jr.	Term Expires 1980

Board of Health

Girard St. Amand	Term Expires 1978
Joseph H. LePage	Term Expires 1979
Emile R. Houle (Resigned August 12, 1977)	Term Expires 1980
Rene Racine (Appointed September 6, 1977)	Term Expires April 3, 1978

School Committee

Charles R. Gelinas, Jr.	Term Expires 1978
William D. Savage	Term Expires 1978
Geraldine Frates	Term Expires 1979
Glenn O. Carder	Term Expires 1980
Edith C. McConville	Term Expires 1980

Commissioners of Trust Funds

Francis D. O'Leary	Term Expires 1978
Leo T. Jackson	Term Expires 1979
Joyce Ann Collins	Term Expires 1980

Trustees of Free Public Library

Walter E. Owen	Term Expires 1978
Kenneth L. Vincent	Term Expires 1979
Georgette A. Owen	Term Expires 1980

Cemetery Board

Roy Morse	Term Expires 1978
Adam C. Fluegel	Term Expires 1979
Leo T. Jackson	Term Expires 1980

Park Commissioners

Peter Gelinas (Resigned September 14, 1977)	Term Expires 1978
George Fagundes	Term Expires 1979
Joseph P. Jason	Term Expires 1980
Boyd Hudson, Jr. (Appointed Nov. 21, 1977)	Term Expires April 3, 1978

Planning Board

Roland Benoit	Term Expires 1978
Ronald R. Labonte	Term Expires 1979
Robert W. Hall	Term Expires 1980
Peter W. Koczera	Term Expires 1981
Matthew A. Charbonneau	Term Expires 1982

Housing Authority

William D. Savage (appointed Oct. 3, 1974)	Term Expires 1978, Jan. 29
Emile R. Houle	Term Expires 1978
John Sousa	Term Expires 1979
John Sylvia	Term Expires 1980
Camille P. Boyer	Term Expires 1981

Moderator

A. P. Stuart Gilmore	Term Expires 1978
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Tree Warden

Edwin A. Springer	Term Expires 1978
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APRIL 4, 1977

Precinct	Democrats		Republicans		Unenrolled		Total
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
1	435	458	33	43	277	282	1528
2	380	405	52	57	326	323	1543
3	369	377	81	79	502	492	1900
	<u>1184</u>	<u>1240</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>1105</u>	<u>1097</u>	<u>4971</u>
Democrats	2424						
Republicans	345						
Unenrolled	2202						
	<u>4971</u>						<u>4971</u>

Three Years

ASSESSOR

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BOARD OF HEAL

Three Years

COOL COMMIT

Three Years

OWNER OF TR

Three Years

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TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**Three Years**

Georgette A. Owen	783	787	888	2458
Blanks	162	198	199	559
Total	945	985	1087	3017

CEMETERY BOARD**Three Years**

Leo T. Jackson	764	781	904	2449
Blanks	181	204	183	568
Total	945	985	1087	3017

PARK COMMISSIONER**Three Years**

Joseph P. Jason	582	597	688	1867
Joseph A. Richard, Sr.	305	327	304	936
Blanks	58	61	95	214
Total	945	985	1087	3017

PLANNING BOARD**Five Years**

Matthew A. Charbonneau	487	537	518	1542
Richard H. Ellis	382	369	513	1264
Blanks	76	79	56	211
Total	945	985	1087	3017

HOUSING AUTHORITY**Five Years**

Camille P. Boyer	586	595	589	1770
Michael J. Linkiewicz	281	300	408	989
Blanks	78	90	90	258
Total	945	985	1087	3017

QUESTION NO. 1

As voted upon at the Special Town Meeting of Oct. 25, 1976,
Pursuant to General Laws Chap. 41. Sec. 21: "Shall the Town vote to have its
Selectmen act as Sewer Commissioners?"

Yes	384	444	465	1293
No	377	369	444	1190

QUESTION NO. 1

"Shall the Town vote to have its Selectmen appoint Sewer Commissioners?"

Yes	390	399	470	1259
No	320	353	379	1052
Blanks	419	405	416	1240
Total	1890	1970	2174	6034

ATTEST:

Yvonne B. Desrosiers
Town Clerk

Report of the Board of Selectmen

The Election of April 4, 1977 saw the addition of Frederick L. Duguay, Jr. as our new Selectman. The Board then reorganized and Natalio "Nate" Gomes was elected as Chairman. Robert E. (Bob) Honohan retired as a Selectman after completing two terms and with his prior service on the School Committee, he should be thanked for his many hours and years of public service to our town.

The year 1977 again was quite busy and productive throughout our town. We realize there are still many areas of concern, however, we act as responsibly as possible keeping the taxpayer in mind.

We are still involved in the Greater New Bedford Solid Waste Committee with New Bedford, Fairhaven and Dartmouth, however, presently in limbo because of New Bedford having changed their agreement, however, hopefully in 1978 this will be worked out.

Sewerage is still on the horizon in central part of town, however, we are involved with New Bedford and due to some complications they have with the Environmental Protection Agency this has slowed down our progress but in 1978 we expect to see some progress in this area, but subject to Town Meeting vote.

We continue to receive Federal Revenue Sharing funds which we've received since 1972 and this is operating the Police Dept. Salaries Account.

We also are receiving Anti-Recession funds and subject to Town Meeting vote these funds are being used as wisely as possible for the benefit of the town overall.

We continue to be involved heavily with the CETA Program, having as many as 23 full time persons in various departments under the Title II and VI Program with a payroll of approximately \$185,489. Also in November we started a CETA Title VI Project, which is a Stream, Pond, Lake Revitalization Program and received a grant of approximately \$115,000, which is giving jobs to another 20 residents and an opportunity to have our waterways cleaned up and a rehabilitative program. We also participated in the Youth Program, having several youths working 10 hours weekly after school and during summer working 28 hours weekly. This was a help to the town residents in the various departments and afforded the youths an opportunity to learn and earn. This benefited our participants a total of \$25,000, which was for approximately 51 enrollees overall. We are proud to say that the town has participated to a vast degree in the various State and Federal Programs and overall we have benefited greatly.

We also saw the arrival of our new ambulance which we are most thankful to Representative MacLean for obtaining \$12,000 from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, therefore we have a first class ambulance to now comply with the new State and Federal laws.

We saw the building of the town's first bank, Southeastern Bank & Trust Co. and hopefully they will be in operation by March and this should prove a most welcome asset to our town because they have pledged to utilize town residents as employees wherever possible, and in general a bank is a great asset to have.

With the cooperation of the School Department we consolidated in obtaining bids for fuel which has resulted in a savings of the town budgets.

We also ventured in a cooperative effort with Fairhaven and Dartmouth in the purchase of rock salt for our roads which also resulted in a savings.

We are cognizant of the taxpayer and are always seeking methods of economizing wherever possible.

Another new service provided to our townspeople, at no cost, commenced in July when the Division of Employment Security set office hours at the Parting Ways Building to counsel our unemployed residents.

Once again our Fire Department provided us with a most prolific Christmas display and they worked many long hours on this annual project.

The exterior of the Parting Ways Building was completed along with some minor repairs.

A water improvement system was nearly completed along Wing Road, Noyer Street, Hathaway Road thus a most necessary project of public safety and public health was accomplished.

We continue to pledge our utmost for the convenience and comfort of our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

NATALIO GOMES
JOHN SYLVIA
FREDERICK L. DUGUAY, JR.
Board of Selectmen
ALFRED E. PORTWAY
Executive Secretary

**1977 Town Report
Officers Appointed by the Board of Selectmen**

Finance Committee

Herve W. Robichaud	1978
John Worthington, Jr., Chairman	1978
Henry T. Preston	1978
Walton E. Braley, Jr.	1979
James S. Madruga, Sr.	1979
David J. Oliver	1979
Richard Ellis	1980
Frederick A. Nunes	1980
Norman E. Nichols	1980

Police Commissioners

Natalio Gomes	1978
John Sylvia	1979
Frederick L. Duguay, Jr.	1980

Executive Secretary

Alfred E. Portway

Town Accountant

Wilfred C. Fortin

Constables

Roland Demers	1978
George H. Grew	1978
Roger D. Deschamps	1978
William E. Jenkinson	1978
Joseph Francis	1979
Robert M. Hunt	1980

Keeper of the Lockup

Joseph E. Pelletier (New Bedford Police Chief)

Dog Officer

Antone Souza, Jr.

Reserve Police Officers

Edwin E. Brackett	Raymond T. Kuthan
Norman Choquette	Edward Farfalowski
Thomas Lafleur	Roland Rouillier

Arthur Morris

Special Police Officers

David L. Rawcliffe (Acushnet Methodist Church)
William Medeiros (Town Dump)

Registrars of Voters

Cecilia LaPalme	1978
William C. Ashley	1979
Lucien Letendre	1980

Fire Chief, Forest Warden, Inspector of Garages

Arsene J. Cusson

Conservation Commission

Edward Sylvia	1978
Raymond LaPalme	1978
Frank Pedro, Jr.	1979
Alfred H. Robichaud	1979
Ralph Macomber	1980
Eugene Miller, Jr., Chairman	1980
Leo Rousseau	1980

Superintendent of Streets

Manuel A. Sol, Jr. (Acting)

Moth Superintendent

(Insect Pest Control, Dutch Elm Disease)

Edwin A. Springer

Veterans' Agent

Director of Veterans' Services

Michael P. Moses

Town Counsel

Raymond Letourneau

Civil Defense Director

David Souza

Edmund Dufresne, Deputy Director

Robert Brienzo, resigned

Robert Grimes, resigned

Public Weighers

Donat Desrochers
Lawrence Levesque

Paul R. Fredette, Jr.
David W. Anderson

Election Officers

Precinct 1

Eva Mach (D)	Warden
Doris L. Laiscell (R)	Clerk
Arlette LaPalme (D)	Inspector
Antoinette Boissoneau (D)	Inspector
Aurore A. Gonneville (D)	Inspector
Mildred Mellor (R)	Inspector
Barbara Lachapelle (R)	Inspector

Precinct 2

Genevieve Hathaway (R)	Warden
Cynthia Hubert (D)	Clerk
Lois Pinchbeck (R)	Inspector
Theresa M. Dupre (D)	Inspector
Ruth Rawcliffe (R)	Inspector
William J. Boucher (D)	Inspector

Precinct 3

Amelia Jardin (D)	Warden
Shirley M. Richard (R)	Clerk
Josephine V. Allen (R)	Inspector
Hilary Braley (D)	Inspector
Olive M. Laycock (D)	Inspector
Anna Sameiro (D)	Inspector
Doris St. Amand (D)	Inspector
Bertha St. Don (R)	Inspector
Sarah Harkins (R)	Inspector

By-Law Review Committee

Norman E. Nichols	1981
Jacqueline Brightman	1981
Marguerite Burchell	1981

Council on Aging

Laura Martel	1978
Sylvano Frates	1978
Lionel Tetreault, Chairman	1979
Rev. Stanley Decker	1979

Abel E. Plaud	1980
Mary Gobeille	1980
Rose Fredette	1980
Ernest Oliveira, deceased	

Gas Department

Alexander Duff, Inspector (Civil Service)
Raymond N. LaFrance, Deputy Inspector

Wire Department

John T. Koska, Inspector (Civil Service)
Joseph DeCosta, Deputy Inspector

Building Department

Rene Pepin, Inspector (Civil Service)
Amos Souza, Deputy Inspector

Historical Commission

Harold Crapo	1978
Leo T. Jackson	1978
Roberta E. Leonard	1979
Ralph Macomber	1979
Bertha E. Holt, Chairman	1980
Antoinette Boissoneau	1980
Stephen Gilmore	1980
Josephine V. Allen, resigned	
Ronald Gaudette, resigned	

Board of Appeals

Lawrence Mulvey, Chairman	1978
Priscilla M. Demers	1979
George Washburn	1980
Leonard Meredith	1981
Eugene St. Jean, Vice-Chairman	1982
Normand C. Forand	1982
Paul W. Audette	1982
Samuel R. Lowe, resigned	
Freddie Koczera, resigned	
George Borges, resigned	
Charles R. Leonard, resigned	

Safety Committee

Fire Chief Arsene J. Cusson	1978
Acting Police Chief Roger D. Deschamps	1978

James S. Madruga, Jr., Chairman	1978
Lewis Elgar, Jr.	1978
George Beaulieu	1978
Stephen J. Cassidy, Jr.	1978

Street Name Committee

Manuel Goulart, Chairman	1978
Richard A. Gonneville, Clerk	1978
Henry C. Avila	1978
Gerard A. J. Bergeron	1978

Building Board of Appeals

Alexander Duff	1978
Frederick Law	1979
Lucien St. Amand	1980
Raymond F. Leblanc, Chairman	1981
Edmond Laliberte	1982

Inspector of Animals

Antone Souza, Jr.
Stanley W. Kut, resigned

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Edmond F. Whalley

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Assessors submits the following report for the Fiscal Year — July 1st, 1977 to June 30th, 1978.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Parcels Assessed		
Personal Estate		239
Real Estate		3,406
Farm Animals & Equipment		9
Value of Assessed Personal Estate		
Stock in Trade	\$	44,400.00
Machinery		2,077,800.00
Live Stock		9,860.00
All other tangible property		<u>2,635.00</u>
Total Value		\$ 2,134,695.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land exclusive of bldgs.	\$1,204,350.00	
Bldgs. exclusive of land	<u>7,744,375.00</u>	
Total Value		8,948,725.00
Total Value of Assessed Estate		\$11,083,420.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00 is \$252.00/M and was approved by the Tax Commissioner on August 11, 1977.		
Taxes for State, County, Town purposes, including Overlay		
On Personal Estate	\$	537,943.14
On Real Estate		<u>2,255,078.70</u>
Total Taxes Assessed		\$ 2,793,021.84
Number of acres of land assessed		10,574
Number of dwellings assessed		2,348
Number of mobile homes assessed		143
Number of live stock assessed as		
Personal Property:		
Horses & Ponies	117	
Cows	3	
Sheep	4	
Steers	24	
Heifers	20	
Fowls	35	
Swine	7	
Others	2	
Number of live stock assessed as		
Farm Animals:		
Cows	62	
Steers	2	
Yearlings	5	
Swine	95	
Fowls	9400	

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

1. Gross Amount to be Raised	\$ 4,509,774.52
2. Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	<u>— 1,716,752.68</u>
3. Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$ 2,793,021.84</u>

4. Real Property Valuations	\$ 8,948,725.00	
5. Personal Property Valuations	2,134,695.00	
6. Total Property Valuations	<u>\$11,083,420.00</u>	
7. Tax Rate	\$252.00/M	
8. Real Property Tax		\$ 2,255,078.70
9. Personal Property Tax		+ 537,943.14
10. Total Taxes Levied on Property		<u>\$2,793,021.84</u>
II. Local Expenditures		
Appropriations		\$ 3,884,090.51
Special Education		195,899.00
Reimbursement Requested		3,300.00
Tax Title Foreclosure		160.00
Hurricane Barrier		1,000.00
Overlay Deficit		4,341.00
Regional Planning		1,265.85
Total Offsets		13,342.63
III. State Assessment		
Special Education		3,480.00
Audit of Municipal Account		7,215.23
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills		946.05
State Recreation Areas		27,982.07
Regional Transit		7,306.00
Under Estimate of Regional Transit		1,731.36
Mosquito Control		5,921.00
Under Estimate of Mosquito Control		554.47
Air Pollution Control		368.39
IV. County Tax		130,870.96
V. Overlay for Current Year		220,000.00
VI. Gross Amount to be Raised		<u>\$4,509,774.52</u>
VII. Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		
Estimated Receipts from State		1,118,220.93
Prior year Overestimates		43,585.29
Local Estimated Receipts		278,852.31
Available Funds		276,094.15
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds		<u>\$1,716,752.68</u>
Recapitulation of Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise		
1975 Committed in 1977	40	\$1,224.18
1976 Committed in 1977	1,364	51,692.06
1977 Committed in 1977	6,616	266,020.98

Respectfully submitted,
 BOARD OF ASSESSORS
 Eugene L. Dabrowski, Chairman
 Rudolph H. Urbanek
 James S. Madruga, Jr.

Annual Report, Town of Acushnet Town Clerk's Report

Births, Marriages and Deaths 1977 Vital Statistics

Births:		
In Acushnet	0	
In other municipalities	<u>64</u>	64
 Resident	64	
Non-resident	<u>0</u>	64
 Males	31	
Females	<u>33</u>	64
 Affidavits and corrections		0
Delayed		0
Marriage Intentions		92
Marriages:		
In Acushnet	63	
In other municipalities	<u>54</u>	117
 Resident Bride and Groom	26	
Resident Groom	32	
Resident Bride	29	
Non-resident Bride and Groom	<u>30</u>	117
 Deaths:		
In Acushnet	15	
In other municipalities	<u>42</u>	57
 Resident Deaths — Women	25	
Resident Deaths — Men	25	
Non-resident Deaths — Women	5	
Non-resident Deaths — Men	<u>2</u>	57

Jury List

The following were drawn as prospective Jurors for the year 1977 in compliance with Chapter 234 of the General Laws:

Daniel Daluz	14 Mary Drive	Textile Technician
Herman R. Morse	55 Mendall Road	Farmer
Albert L'Homme	389 Main Street	Retired
Wilfred Parker	13 Noyer Street	Truck Driver
Sophie Zyskowski	199 Quaker Lane	Housewife
(Stanley Zyskowski)		(Farmer)
John Souza	310 Mendall Road	Retired
Eleftheria Donovan	11 Diane Street	Bookkeeper
Louise R. Richard	5 Charles Street	Secretary
(Joseph N. Richard)		(Checker)
Lydia Martin	55 Boylston Street	Housewife
(Harold J. Martin)		(Plant Guard)
Cheryl H. Roberts	11 Brookside Drive	Housewife
(Kevin F. Roberts)		(Accountant)
Shirley M. Howard	17 Barksdale Lane	Cafeteria Worker
(Asaph E. Howard)		(Horticulturist)
Lorraine Hunter	13 Diane Street	Nurse
(William R. Hunter)		(Correctional Officer)
Blanche V. Bamber	21 Boylston Street	Beautician
Augusta R. Gregory	25 Boylston Street	Retired
Carmina Perry	19 Budano Drive	Waitress
(Manuel Perry)		(Presser)
Alice Soja	19 Burt Street	At Home
Mary O. Medeiros	41 Anthony Street	Housewife
(John T. Medeiros)		(Laborer)
Joseph Jovin, Jr.	31 Boylston Street	Machine Fixer
Henrietta Spooner	33 Boylston Street	Retired
(Eliot A. Spooner, Jr.)		(Plumber)
James Howard	9 Barksdale Lane	Door Salesman
Antoine Rudler	11 Anthony Street	Dye House Worker
John W. Sojka	25 Bertrand Way	Mechanic
Phyllis Faunce	21 Budano Drive	Clerk
Roland P. Lambalot	37 Crompton Street	Accountant
Bernice Sylvia	Bartlett Street	Housewife
(Raymond Sylvia)		(Store Clerk)
Carol A. Bissonette	19 Birch Street	Housewife
(Joseph F. Bissonette)		(N.B. Gas & Electric)
Paulette J. Cowan	21 Blain Street	Office Clerk
(Walter L. Cowan)		(Auto Mechanic)
Raymond J. Roy	59 Boylston Street	Maintenance Man
Patricia A. Berube	9 Blain Street	Inspector
(Raymond D. Berube)		(Gas & Electric)
Jacqueline A. Hamel	23 Bertrand Way	L.P.N.
(Robert Hamel)		(Refiner)
Gladys Ann Varieur	21 Bardsley Street	Sprayer
(George L. Varieur)		(Metal Worker)
Barbara R. Arsenault	17 Bertrand Way	Office Clerk
Lucille Antone	15 Diane Street	Waitress
(Richard M. Antone)		(Firefighter)
Isabel Wilkinson	9 Diane Street	Laundry Operator
(Thomas Wilkinson)		(Retired)
Heather Taber	53 Burt Street	Nurse's Aide
(Raymond E. Taber)		(Minister)

Stephen J. McDonald, Jr.	7 Boylston Street	Retired
Paul Jean Trudeau	15 Bernard Street	Packer
Norman Bryden	55 Burt Street	Electrical Engineer
Sigrid Gundersen	9 Burt Street	At Home
(Gunnar Gundersen)		(Shop Owner)
Florence Marshall	5 Anthony Street	Housewife
(Ralph Marshall)		(Electrical Technician)
Theresa Ptasienski	49 Allen Street	Solderer
(Joseph A. Ptasienski)		(Frame Operator)
Paul E. Ponte	55 Bernard Street	Barber
Charles Jardin	17 Budano Drive	Laborer
Thomas Ferreira	45 Boylston Street	Truck Driver
Leo Roy	25A Barksdale Lane	Salesman
Jaime da Fonseca	21 Bertrand Way	Foreman
Charles A. Caron	33 Burt Street	Supervisor
Richard R. Alves	13 Budano Drive	Engineering Technician
Manuel R. Amaral	49 Anthony Street	Farmer
Elsie Boucher	11 Boylston Street	Retired
(William J. Boucher)		(Barber)
Manuel Souza	15 Budano Drive	Retired
Kathleen E. Perry	15 Burt Street	Housewife
(Bradford Perry)		(Chiropractor)
Patricia A. Saunders	11 Birch Street	At Home
(Carl R. Saunders)		(Engineer)
Arthur Enos	15 Bardsley Street	Shader
Joseph A. Faucher	25 Burt Street	(Drawn but moved to Dartmouth)

Office of the Town Clerk, Treasurer

Collector JULY 1, 1976—JUNE 30, 1977

(Fiscal)

Receipts		Disbursements
\$ 348,796.22	Balance June 30, 1976	
322,223.13	July	418,427.42
548,087.29	August	383,392.82
287,369.80	September	406,923.95
806,272.64	October	414,176.39
573,663.07	November	557,354.92
316,472.89	December	509,543.06
359,208.52	January 1977	409,985.02
124,266.45	February	381,097.27
350,998.45	March	237,180.29
1,172,065.05	April	385,471.25
416,986.30	May	950,918.71
417,054.77	June	613,881.31
	Balance June 30, 1977	375,112.17
<u>\$6,043,464.58</u>		<u>\$6,043,464.58</u>

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 1976 — June 30, 1977 (fiscal)

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

June 30, 1977

Balances per Bank Statements:

National Bank of Fairhaven	\$ 236,696.47
Boston Safe Deposit and Trust	209,850.79
Harbor National Bank of Boston	126,667.00
Shawmut Bank of Boston, N.A.	25,000.00

598,214.26

C/H

4,724.68

602,938.94

Less O/S Checks

227,826.77

W. #105, 106

Total

\$ 375,112.17

Attest:

YVONNE B. DESROSIER

Treasurer

RECEIPTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977

Taxes:

Current Year		
Real Estate	1,860,872.58	
Personal	503,188.80	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1977	132,007.09	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1976	146,115.85	
Farm Animal Excise	391.37	2,642,575.69

Previous Years:

Motor Vehicle Excise 1975	8,144.86
Motor Vehicle Excise 1974	249.48
Motor Vehicle Excise 1973	6.60

Personal	1,375.47	
Real Estate	33,395.97	43,172.38
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
School Transportation	112,012.00	
Vocational Transportation	3,400.00	
Special Education	95,506.00	
School Aid	429,743.49	
School Construction	193,538.20	
Local Aid Lottery	48,393.80	
State Lunch Fund	9,171.51	
State Chap. 90	2,467.64	
Veterans Benefits	6,693.95	
Chapter 765	20,648.00	
Chapter 58	46,169.17	
Chapter 81	44,681.43	
Abatement — Clause 22 Sec. 5, Chap. 59	1,446.00	
Abatement — Clause 17 Sec. 5, Chap. 59	6,504.00	
Loss of Taxes	191.47	
Reimbursement State Census	2,106.75	
Mass. Growth Commission	200.00	1,022,873.41
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County Bristol		
Dog License	3,313.10	
Care & Disposal of Dogs	640.00	
Sale of Dogs	6.00	
Dog Fund	705.66	
County Chapter 90	874.66	5,539.42
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Federal Revenue Sharing		184,204.00
Anti-Recession		52,224.00
Water Rates & Service	157,850.61	
Water Interest & Charges	766.36	158,616.97
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Water Liens Redemptions		2,701.00
Tax Title Redemption		1,215.31
Curbing Assessments		172.86
License:		
Taxi Stand License	5.00	
Alcoholic	9,700.00	
Common Victualler	90.00	
Special Malt Beverages	250.00	
Registration of Petroleum	14.00	
Automatic Amusement	380.00	
Sunday Entertainment	350.00	
Dance License	8.00	
Used Car Dealers, Class 2	216.00	
Used Car Dealers, Class 3	144.00	
Junk	36.00	
Auctioneers	32.00	
Music License	5.00	11,230.00
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Treasurer — Collector		
Collector's Fees	1,118.33	
Interest on Real Estate & Personal	2,637.14	
Interest on Tax Titles	98.15	
Interest on Motor Vehicle	582.36	

Interest on Curbing Assessments	15.71	
Municipal Liens	30.00	4,481.69
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Town Clerk		
Street & Voting List	49.00	
Sale of Maps	46.00	
Raffle Permits	80.00	
Cable T.V. Filing Fees	100.00	275.00
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Planning Board Fees		675.00
Board of Appeals Fees		950.00
Board of Health		
Store & Vehicle Milk License	62.00	
Trailer Park License Fees	8,064.00	
Oleomargarine	5.00	
Garbage Transportation	80.00	
Day Camp License	.50	
Sewerage Disposal & Septic Tank Permit	530.00	
Plumbing Permits	364.50	
Massage License	1.00	
Pasteurization License	20.00	
Ice Cream License	5.00	
Food Service Establishments	52.00	
Food Handler Permit	54.00	
Piggery Permit	10.00	
Nursing Fee	311.60	
Medicare Nursing	18,207.59	
Clinic Fees	43.00	
Hearing Clinic	51.00	
Stable License	250.00	28,111.19
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Police Department		
Court Fines	744.50	
Firearm I.D. Cards	170.00	
Photo & Alcoholic Beverages I.D.	34.00	
Bike Registration	24.00	
Accidents Reports	437.00	
Pistol Permits	340.00	
Sale of Ammunition	1.00	
Sale of Firearms	5.00	
Disability Compensation	206.40	1,961.90
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Fire Department		
Oil Storage & Installation Permits	120.00	
Fire Report	24.00	
Blasting Permits	2.00	
Lightning Damages Reimbursement		
Police Dept.	498.41	644.41
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Wire Permits		587.00
Building Permits		1,841.00
Certificate Inspection		100.00
Gas Piping Permits		220.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures		173.00
School		
School Tuition	208.50	
N.D.E.A.	2,242.00	
Federal Lunch Program	41,279.73	

Federal Milk Program	3,464.71	
School Store & Lost Books	1,377.26	
E.S.E.A. Title I	34,268.00	
School Evening Classes	84.00	
Custodial Services	22.19	
Sale of Wood	730.25	83,676.64
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Library Fines & Sales		156.63
Gas Excise Tax Refund		185.35
Light Damages (Park)		213.75
Investment Funds		710,000.00
Miscellaneous		
Interest on Investment Funds	2,312.62	
Federal Deductions	238,124.06	
Teacher's Retirement	46,680.62	
Bristol County Retirement	32,861.56	
Group Insurance	2,461.56	
Blue Cross — Blue Shield	42,363.56	
Annuities	6,477.96	
State Tax	80,521.17	
Union Dues, Highway & Water	496.00	
Teachers Dues	6,380.23	
Police Dues	1,708.00	
Commission Telephone Pay Station	102.63	
Sewer Pumping Charges	236.00	
Hurricane Barrier (Acush. Co. Share)	1,217.39	
Compensation Deferred Plan	1,430.00	
Union Dues Town Hall Employees	403.75	
Medex	1,390.68	
Credit Union — Teachers	11,010.00	
Credit Union — Town	25,349.29	
Retirees Blue Cross	1,424.52	
Reimbursement — C.D.	211.54	
Wetlands Permits	100.00	
Cemetery Long Plain Damages	225.00	
Group Insurance Dividends	406.56	503,894.70
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Public Auction	720.00	
Special School Milk & Lunch Fund	49,561.55	
Opening of Grave	75.00	
Refund — Registrar of Voters	41.75	
Refund — Town Hall	263.00	
Refund — Schools	516.79	
Refund — Board of Health	14.30	
Refund — Veterans Benefits	5.00	
Refund — Highway	11.00	
Refund — Treasurer Collector	56.42	
Refund — Fire	22.00	
Refund — Police	157.68	
Refund — Blue Cross	127.00	51,571.49
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Trust Fund		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	100.00	
Sylvia P. Manter Fund	2,162.00	
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	100.00	
Stabilization Fund	37,378.16	
Sale of Lots	60.00	
Cemetery Beautification Fund	24.70	39,824.86
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Federal Grants		
C.E.T.A. Title 2	104,844.33	
Reimbursement Insurance Public Service	2,423.30	
Title 6	33,485.46	140,753.09
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Total Receipts		5,694,821.74

CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS (1977)

General Government		
Moderator	225.00	
Town Reports — Warrants	<u>1,729.88</u>	1,954.88
Selectmen:		
Board of Selectmen	4,000.00	
Executive Secretary	14,000.70	
Clerk Selectmen's Office	5,499.00	
Office Supplies, Equipment, Postage	1,765.41	
Telephone	510.12	
Dues	435.00	
Advertising	842.91	
Travel Expenses	<u>356.89</u>	27,410.03
Town Accountant		
Salary	8,500.00	
Printing — Office Supplies	1,736.99	
Dues — Travel Expenses	305.64	
Telephone	<u>249.98</u>	10,792.61
Treasurer Collector — Town Clerk		
Salary	16,049.80	
Dues	42.00	
Clerks	16,210.65	
Equipment, Supplies	11,613.52	
Telephone	586.06	
Surety Bonds	1,122.00	
Collector's Fees	862.33	
Travel Expenses	369.74	
Advertising	322.56	
Recording of Vital Statistics	255.75	
Stationery & Printing	664.64	
Deputy Collector	<u>100.00</u>	48,199.05
Election-Registrars		
Election Officers — Tellers	2,719.81	
Registrars	2,347.84	
Census Takers	1,303.82	
Stationery & Printing	<u>295.90</u>	6,667.37
Assessors		
Salaries	2,836.00	
Clerks	12,061.49	
Equipment, Office Supplies	1,274.97	
Telephone	297.19	
Listing Land Conveyances	53.00	
Dues	54.00	
Sectional Plotting	459.50	
Revaluation Account	11,340.00	
Travel Expenses	<u>45.40</u>	28,421.55
Court Reporting Service		867.06
Town Counsel		2,398.00
Arbitration		261.70
Auctioneering Service		72.00

Finance Committee		
Clerical Services	225.00	
Dues	75.00	
Supplies, Postage	<u>119.46</u>	419.46
Planning Board		
Clerical Services	197.75	
Supplies, Postage	53.50	
Advertising	202.30	
Dues	40.00	
Travel Expenses	<u>6.45</u>	500.00
Board of Appeals		
Clerical Services	241.00	
Supplies, Postage	96.64	
Advertising	<u>376.84</u>	714.48
Tree Warden		
Salary	160.00	
Expenses	<u>261.00</u>	421.00
Town Hall & Offices		
Custodian Salary	8,192.00	
Supplies for Honor Roll	28.50	
Fuel	7,675.67	
Water	124.70	
Lights	4,593.82	
Supplies, Equipment, Repairs	1,574.10	
Advertising	176.70	
Repairs	774.26	
Travel Expenses	<u>52.25</u>	23,192.00
Police Department		
Chief's Salary	17,602.56	
Police Officers	189,047.66	
Clerks	13,185.05	
Telephone	2,105.90	
Gas, Repairs, Tires	14,522.48	
Insurance	1,614.60	
Oxygen	89.50	
Travel Expenses, Dues	2,733.36	
Clothing Allowances	2,643.38	
Repairs, Equipment	4,506.15	
Expenses, Lockups	240.00	
Police Cruisers	6,864.50	
Police Radio System	<u>65.00</u>	255,220.14
Fire Department.		
Chief's Salary	14,832.86	
Firemen	48,351.45	
Telephone	1,480.07	
Lights	205.90	
Trucks Repairs	1,625.89	
Accident Insurance	441.75	
Supplies, Equipment	1,946.26	
Advertising, Dues	108.56	
Fuel Oil	562.15	
Clothing Allowances	<u>255.30</u>	69,810.19
Fire Truck		305.81

Sealer of Weights & Measures		
Salary	438.00	
Supplies	<u>30.32</u>	468.32
Building Inspector		
Salary	2,400.00	
Telephone	220.08	
Deputy Inspector	1,810.00	
Supplies	2,389.44	
Clerical	<u>1,146.00</u>	7,965.52
Gas Department		
Inspector		1,080.00
Wire Department		
Deputy Wire Inspector	570.00	
Wire Inspector Salary	1,634.00	
Wire Dept. Expenses	<u>91.10</u>	2,295.10
Civil Defense		
Equipment	39.49	
Supplies	273.94	
Telephone	186.34	
Gasoline Repairs	52.92	
Travel Expenses	<u>10.40</u>	563.09
Dog Officer		
Salary	605.00	
Board & Care of Dogs	824.00	
Dogs Destroyed	247.00	
Supplies, Equipment	<u>40.00</u>	1,716.00
Inspector of Animals		166.00
Sewer Pumping Charges Paid to City of New Bedford		179.00
Board of Health		
Salaries	1,727.43	
Nurse	10,578.24	
Assistant Nurses	15,804.90	
Clerks	6,537.79	
School Physician	2,545.83	
Plumbing Inspector	354.72	
Office Supplies, Postage	4,409.90	
Telephone	1,106.19	
Medical Supplies	387.68	
Homemaker Services	10,829.15	
Nursing Supervision	1,200.00	
Advertising	207.34	
Burial of Animals	405.00	
Maint. of Office	360.00	
Alt. Plumbing Inspector	728.00	
Therapy	119.00	
Travel Expenses	<u>1,514.69</u>	58,815.86
Highway Department		
Superintendent Salary	11,615.33	
Labor	71,927.54	
Hire of Equipment	5,936.96	
Gas, Oil, Truck Repairs, Tires	20,433.01	
Sand, Gravel, Oil, Asphalt	30,373.29	
Equipment, Repairs	19,637.21	

Fuel, Lights, & Water	8,285.17	
Telephone	450.48	
Freight & Signs	152.15	
Advertising	139.92	168,951.06
Dump Contract		
Paid to Everett & Germaine Booker		45,000.00
Street Lights		
Paid to New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.		22,564.65
Dutch Elm Disease		367.00
Engineering Consultant Fees		843.42
Northwest Drainage Project		6,950.00
Reconstruction Dayton Street		5,289.89
Reconstruction Wamsutta Ave.		4,070.49
Reconstruction Village Ave.		11,808.92
Reconstruction Middle Road		4,041.87
Mass. Growth Expense		55.19
Veterans Benefits		
Agent Salary	1,225.68	
Office Salary	134.35	
Ordinary Grants	14,755.15	
Fuel	1,103.75	
Medical Assistance	3,240.11	20,459.04
Schools		
Superintendent Salary	20,687.94	
Business Manager	14,400.22	
Clerks	32,959.03	
Office Supplies, Postage	7,753.57	
766 District	5,750.00	
School Expenses	42,296.38	
Telephone	5,611.00	
Travel Expenses — Teachers	372.90	
Insurance	87.75	
Teacher's Salaries	900,883.17	
Teacher's Aide	49,414.05	
Books & Supplies	23,446.52	
Tuitions	291,927.63	
Regional Vocational Schools		
Assessments	708,400.76	
Transportation	129,456.38	
Supervisor School Attendance	288.70	
Equipment	20,487.83	
Janitor's Salaries	65,115.10	
Fuel, Lights	58,256.16	
Maintenance Buildings	38,908.25	
Grounds & Supplies	1,691.27	
Bus Drivers	10,155.97	
Athletic Expenses	5,223.17	
Student Body Activities	3,692.47	
Civic Activities	123.05	
Bus Monitors	12,409.81	
Health Services	157.19	
Food Service Expenses	8,063.78	
Expenses for Buses	6,492.43	
Driver Aide Att.	295.61	
Voke Tuition	65,629.73	
Special Tuition	46,879.80	2,577,317.62

Psychological Services		9,180.00
Department of Ed. Division of Occ. Ed. 92-318		40,638.47
Title I, Project #77-003-123		
Salaries	38,288.73	
Supplies	<u>1,407.56</u>	39,696.29
Lost Books School Store		1,322.92
School Milk & Lunch Fund		
Salaries — Cafeteria Personnel	53,969.78	
Food Supplies	26,065.50	
Milk	17,245.30	
Travel Expenses	34.11	
Freight Supplies	1,574.66	
Meal Tax	438.24	
Uniform Allowance	<u>264.00</u>	99,591.59
Free Public Library		
Librarian	4,119.50	
Assistants	2,163.50	
Books	1,387.43	
Care of Grounds & Building	2,265.15	
Equipment, Supplies, Postage	382.61	
Fuel, Lights, Water	1,224.22	
Telephone	205.54	
Periodicals	<u>98.00</u>	11,845.95
Parks		
Labor	7,712.50	
Equipment, Repairs, Supplies	737.00	
Gas, Oil, Repairs	1,634.74	
Lights	1,878.33	
Water	23.00	
Telephone	286.80	
Lease of Beach	1.00	
Lifeguard	2,478.00	
Postage Supplies	<u>1,533.73</u>	16,285.10
Water Department		
Foreman Salary	9,519.93	
Labor	8,898.71	
Clerks	1,654.27	
Notes & Interest	8,290.00	
Telephone	525.06	
Office Supplies & Advertising	3,443.45	
Water	35,788.63	
Repairs, Gas, Oil, Tires	770.53	
Fuel, Lights, & Water	35,034.26	
Power	134.25	
Hire of Equipment	2,628.98	
Fittings	4,688.48	
Meters	613.02	
Street Repairs	652.09	
Travel Expenses	123.14	
Hydrant Parts	3,472.84	
Chlorine	270.00	
Advertising	46.36	
Chlorinator Bldg.	1,247.75	
Postage	<u>27.00</u>	117,828.75

Engineering Fees		2,000.00
Cemeteries		935.55
Debt	292,000.00	
Interest	<u>99,528.00</u>	391,528.00
Investment Funds		400,000.00
Investment — Federal Revenue Sharing		184,204.00
Title II Anti-Recession		52,224.00
Bristol County Dog Licenses		3,174.45
Christmas Decorations		649.99
Conservation Commission Expenses		128.51
Council on Aging Expenses		2,948.80
Insurance on Public Buildings		15,734.00
Insurance on Motor Vehicles		5,589.00
Southeastern Regional Planning Asses.		1,265.85
Insurance Settlement — Cruiser Repairs		224.00
Soil Survey		7,173.72
Street Name Committee Expense		13.00
Federal Deductions		238,124.06
State Deductions		80,521.17
Bristol County Retirement		32,861.56
Teacher Retirement		39,381.26
Group Insurance		45,037.25
Insurance Deductions		2,223.58
Blue Cross-Blue Shield		40,959.44
Workmen's Compensation		12,079.00
Credit Union		25,349.29
Union Dues — Police		1,708.00
Union Dues — Highway & Water		496.00
Teacher's Dues		6,380.23
Annuities		6,477.96
Recreational Program		4,588.00
Pension Fund		69,952.62
New Bedford Hurricane Barrier		1,826.09
Memorial Purposes		1,286.18
Insect Pest Control		900.00
Deferred Compensation		1,300.00
Mosquito Control		100.00
Park Dept. Improvements		706.00
Repair of Town Hall		26,038.16
July 4th Celebration		1,195.00
Teacher's Credit Union		11,010.00
Historical Commission Expense		3,903.83
Richard Morse Auto Damages		37.95
Ambulance		1,172.69
Title VI C.E.T.A.		31,822.76
C.E.T.A. Title II		104,948.90
Agency Accounts		
County Tax	141,425.32	
State Recreation Area	28,407.15	
Mosquito Control Assessment	5,050.47	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	1,077.75	
Pollution Control	370.23	
Transit Authorities	<u>6,806.36</u>	183,137.28

Trust Fund		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	100.00	
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	100.00	
Cemetery Addition Funds	60.00	
Trust Fund Cemetery Beautification	24.70	284.70
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Refunds		
Taxes	639.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1975	523.49	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1976	4,766.16	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1977	434.97	
Life Ins. Deductions	7.30	
Blue Cross	97.58	
Schools	109.00	
Medicare	604.78	
Collector Fees & Interest	1.00	
Water	6,546.23	
Motor Vehicle Interest	.55	
C.E.T.A. Title II	355.46	
C.E.T.A. Title VI	838.76	14,924.28
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Total Disbursement		5,813,507.55

Curbing Assessment

Apportioned Curbing Assessment Not Due	\$196.30	
Apportioned Curbing Assessment Due In, 1978		\$86.14
Apportioned Curbing Assessment Due In, 1979		55.08
Apportioned Curbing Assessment Due In, 1980		55.08

Outstanding Debt

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$1,689,000.00	
Street Construction Loan Of, 1972	\$	15,000.00
Municipal Building Remodeling Loan Of, 1972		10,000.00
Northwest Drainage Loan Of, 1973		190,000.00
Street Reconstruction Loan Of, 1974		13,000.00
Nye's Lane Reconstruction Loan Of, 1974		56,000.00
School Project Loan (Inside Limit)		15,000.00
School Project Loan (Junior High)		60,000.00
School Project Loan (Junior High Addition)		80,000.00
Elementary School Loan Of, 1971		1,250,000.00

REPORT OF EXISTING DEBT OUTSTANDING

Schedule of existing Debt outstanding as of June 30, 1978:

Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Purpose	Amount
July 15, 1959	July 15, 1979	School Project Loan (\$400,000.)	\$ 40,000.00
July 15, 1959	July 15, 1979	School Project Loan \$100,000.)	10,000.00
December 1, 1964	December 1, 1984	Junior High School Addition	70,000.00
June 1, 1971	June 1, 1986	Elementary School (Constr.)	1,100,000.00
October 1, 1973	October 1, 1988	Surface Drainage	170,000.00
September 1, 1974	September 1, 1978	Street Reconstruction-Nye's Lane	26,000.00
November 15, 1977	November 15, 1989	Water Improvement Loan	300,000.00
			<u>\$1,716,000.00</u>

SUMMARY:

Town Debt	\$1,416,000.00
Water Debt	300,000.00
	<u>\$1,716,000.00</u>

ATTEST:
Yvonne B. Desrosiers
Treasurer

Fixed Debt and Interest Maturing June 30, 1978

School Project Loan Act of 1948		
Bonds numbered 381-400 incl. @ \$1,000.00		\$20,000.00
Interest		2,050.00
School Project Loan Act of 1958		
Bonds numbered 86-90 incl. @ \$1,000.00		5,000.00
Interest		512.50
Junior High School Addition Loan 12/1/64		
Bonds numbered 33-34 incl. @ \$5,000.00		10,000.00
Interest		2,437.50
Elementary School Construction Loan 6/1/71		
Bonds numbered 185-214 incl. @ \$5,000.00		150,000.00
Interest		67,187.50
Municipal Building Remodeling Loan 9/15/72		
Note numbered 503 (final)		10,000.00
Interest		350.00
Street Construction Loan of 10/15/72		
Note numbered 508		15,000.00
Interest		478.50
Surface Drainage Loan of 10/1/73		
Bonds numbered 13-16 incl. @ \$5,000.00		20,000.00
Interest		8,640.00
Street Reconstruction Loan of 8/15/74		
Note numbered 514 (final)		13,000.00
Interest		650.00
Nye's Lane Reconstruction of 9/1/74		
Note numbered 517 Phase III		30,000.00
Interest		2,996.00
Water Improvement Loan of 11/15/77		
Note numbered R1		-----
Interest		6,750.00
		<u>\$365,052.00</u>

Summary:

	Debt	Interest	Total
TOWN	\$273,000.00	\$ 85,302.00	\$358,302.00
WATER	-----	6,750.00	6,750.00
	<u>\$273,000.00</u>	<u>\$92,052.00</u>	<u>\$365,052.00</u>

ATTEST:

Yvonne B. Desrosiers
Treasurer

TOWN OF ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS
TRUST FUNDS etc. IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER

	Principal	Balance 12/31/76	Interest	Withdrawn	Balance 8/30/77
Russell Protestant Poor	\$ 9,912.00	\$27,717.32	\$1,129.16	—	\$28,846.48
Russell Town Hall	3,000.00	4,332.75	360.14	—	4,692.89
Omev-Cottle Special Care	2,000.00	3,627.74	301.47	24.70	3,904.51
Allen-Rhoda R. Russell Library	8,181.98	14,807.87	1,230.76	—	16,038.63
Henry H. Rogers School Fund	2,500.00	2,262.68	188.06	—	2,450.74
Russell Public School	7,067.30	13,417.91	1,115.24	—	14,533.15
Long Plain Cemetery Permanent Care	347.00	760.10	63.21	—	823.31
Long Plain Cemetery addition of 1912	1,415.00	3,289.60	227.39	—	3,516.99
Russell Memorial Library — Maint.	7,447.22	11,837.14	983.89	—	12,821.03
Sylvia P. Manter — Schools	30,182.39	31,358.97	1,441.86	—	32,800.83
Friends Cemetery	150.00	219.72	18.46	—	238.18
Acushnet Instructive Nursing	1,000.00	1,832.47	153.91	—	1,986.38
Conservation Fund	3,200.00	4,017.28 Grt.	297.41	—	4,314.69
Stabilization Fund	—	77,037.32	2,362.48	16,084.72	63,315.08
Federal Revenue Sharing	—	98,324.17 Grt.	2,667.15	124,460.54	62,532.78
	—	Grt.	86,002.00	—	—
Anti-Recession Assistance — Title II	—	22,040.00 Grt.	1,521.25	35,811.74	54,029.51
	—	Grt.	66,280.00	—	—
Long Plain Museum-Historical Commission	—	—	1,013.45	—	1,013.45
	\$ 76,402.99	\$316,883.04	\$167,357.29	\$176,381.70	\$307,858.63
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		15,680.49	1,388.15		17,068.64

Attest:
Yvonne B. Desrosiers
Treasurer

TRUST FUND COMMISSIONERS

Voters of Acushnet:

The following trust fund expenditures were authorized by the Trust Fund Commissioners during the year 1977 fiscal:

Omev-Cottle Special Care	Principal	Bal. 12/31/76	Interest	Withdrawn	Bal. 6/30/77
	\$2,000.00	3,627.74	301.47	24.70	\$3,904.51

Respectfully submitted,
 LEO T. JACKSON
 JOYCE ANN COLLINS
 FRANCIS D. O'LEARY
 Trust Fund Commissioners

TOWN OF ACUSHNET — BALANCE SHEET **For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1977**

Cash:

General Funds	\$375,112.17
Investment — Title II	
Anti-Recession	52,960.18
Investment-Federal	
Revenue Sharing	60,074.62
School Lunch Petty	
Cash	<u>26.80</u>
Personal Property — 1977	\$488,173.77
Real Estate Taxes — 1977	3,508.80
Motor Vehicle Excise — 1975	59,571.93
Motor Vehicle Excise — 1976	2,902.77
Motor Vehicle Excise — 1977	10,632.45
Motor Vehicle Excise — 1977	48,260.79
Farm Animal Excise — 1977	42.38
Tax Titles:	

Levy of 1973	1,085.00
Levy of 1974	516.00
Levy of 1975	1,499.25
Levy of 1976	2,107.90
Levy of 1977	2,727.89
Tax Possessions	1,163.19
Accounts Receivable — Veterans Benefits	4,785.78
Water Rates & Services	6,269.77
Water Liens — 1977	25.30
Loan Authorized — Water System	
Improvements	300,000.00
State Aid to Highway — Chap. 90	88.49
Mosquito Control	554.47
Regional Transit Authority	1,731.36
Revenue — 1978	3,689,656.72

Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	\$61,796.01
Farm Animal Excise Revenue	42.38
Tax Titles Revenue	7,936.04
Tax Possessions Revenue	1,163.19
Departmental Revenue	4,785.78
Water Revenue	6,295.07
Highway Funds, Chap. 822	106.44
Aid to Highway Revenue — Chap. 90	88.49
Life Insurance Deductions	348.37
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	5,209.46
Medex-Blue Cross	535.02
Retirees — Blue Cross	311.28
County Tax	44,273.68
Southeastern Mass. Air Pollution	
Control	5.01
State Parks	1,591.33
Unclaimed Checks — 1973	10.93
Bristol County Dog Licenses	435.45
Bristol County Dog Fund	705.66
School Milk & Lunch Fund	21,620.31
Reserve for Petty Cash	26.80
Lost Books — Schools	643.09
Loan Authorized Unissued — Water	
System Improvements	300,000.00
Teachers Retirement Fund	7,299.36
Annuities	150.00
Interest — Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Fund	119.51
Compensation Deferred Plan	130.00

Overlay — 1977	4,341.00	
Title I E.S.E.A. Proj. #77-003-123	5,428.29	
Union Dues — Town Hall Employees		403.75
Sale of Dogs		6.00
Evening School Tuition		162.00
Collectors Fees		255.00
Overlay Reserve		16,320.96
Title II — Anti-Recession		1,935.18
Federal Reserve Sharing Funds		
P.L. 95-512		60,074.62
Appropriation Control — 1978		3,690,489.72
Excess & Deficiency		95,254.86
Water Surplus		91,227.14
Sectional Plotting Purposes		145.83
Insurance Settlement-Cruisers Repairs		29.97
Police Radio System		9.75
New Fire Truck		302.04
Revaluation (2nd Appropriation)		15,000.00
Highway Needs Study Committee		462.60
Greater New Bedford Solid Waste Study		
Program		540.01
Middle Road Layout		19.71
Martelle, Coulombe & Dayton Streets		
Layouts		112.90
Lambert Street Layout		125.00
Randall & Besse Streets Layouts		164.39
Anthony Street Layout		2,000.00
Middle Road Taking & Legal Fees		1.56
Middle Road Takings		4.00
Middle Road Construction Damages		25.00
Middle Road Construction Non-Participating		
Items		3.87
Nye's Lane Resurfacing and Reconstruction		
Phase III		13,945.48
Nye's Lane Layout		46.00

Reconstruction — Village Avenue	2,260.96
Accrued Salaries — Teachers	103,546.13
Title VI-B 91-230 #72-003-16	600.44
Special Education, Chap. 766	301.15
Test Borings	2,500.00
Elementary School Building Committee Expenses	116.88
Regional School District Planning Committee	300.80
Senior Citizens Bussing	700.00
Community Program for the Aging	600.00
Council on Aging (Home Care Corp.)	850.00
Historical District Study Committee	1,000.00
Insurance Providing Indemnity	300.00
C.E.T.A. — Title II	530.91
C.E.T.A. — Title VI	1,662.70
Veterans World War II Memorial	87.00
Photocopy Machine — Town Hall	1,895.00
Town Hall Waterproofing	2,025.00
Parting Ways Building Repairs	18,875.00
Public Record Updating	3,000.00
Application for Funding Assistance (Police)	1.00
Police Cruisers	8,410.00
Ambulance	19,827.31
Sand Bin (Highway)	720.00
Engineering Consultant Fees	2,500.00
Reconstruction of Middle Road	26.75
Park Department Improvements	394.00
Mass. Growth Committee Expenses	144.81

Peckham Road Water Main	2,538.84
Master Drainage Plan, Westgate Park,	
Nye's Lane, Sherwood Forrest	1,176.50
Northwest Drainage Project	3,386.12
Sewage Committee Expenses	100.00
	<u>\$4,635,073.30</u>
Wilfred C. Fortin	
Town Accountant	

\$4,635,073.30

Trust Funds Accounts

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities		213,955.94
Russell Fund for Care of Town Hall	4,692.89	
Russell Public School Fund	14,533.15	
R. N. Swift Board of Health Fund	5,201.24	
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	28,736.50	
Henry H. Rogers Gift Fund	2,450.74	
Allen & Rhoda R. Russell Library Fund	16,038.63	
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance Fund	12,821.03	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	17,201.26	
Cemetery Additional Fund — Sale of Lots	3,617.57	
Cemetery Special Care Fund	823.31	
Russell — Acushnet Cemetery Certification	1,279.95	
Cemetery Beautification & Extra Care Fund	3,904.51	
Sylvia P. Mantes for Public Schools	32,800.83	
Acushnet Instructive Nursing Association	1,986.38	
Conservation Fund	4,314.69	
Friends Cemetery Care — Wing Rd.	238.18	
Stabilization Fund	63,315.08	

Wilfred C. Fortin
Town Accountant

Report of the Police Department

To the Officers and residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby, submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1977. During the past year the members of the Police Department attended various training programs, two patrolmen received promotions to the position of Sergeant and two new Clerk/Dispatchers were appointed.

Receiving promotions to Sergeant were Officers Richard G. Langevin and Michael Poitras. They were appointed to this position on December 18, 1977.

Officer Barry W. Monte attended the Law Enforcement Officers Training School for Firearms, Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation, held at Camp Curtis Guild, Wakefield, Ma. from September 19th to 23rd, thereby certifying him as an instructor in firearms. This program was sponsored by the New England Association of Chiefs of Police.

Officers Earle F. Parker, Henry C. Avila and Barry W. Monte attended an Emergency Medical Technicians/Ambulance refresher course at various locations in the surrounding area given by Olde Colony Chapter Massachusetts Association EMT Inc. re-certifying them as required by state law.

During the year seven more officers attended Emergency Medical Technician/Ambulance training, complimenting the department with fourteen EMT/A's. This last group attending and receiving certification were Sgt. Michael Poitras, Officers George L. Sylvia, Normand H. Soucy, Kenneth J. Souza, Mary Ann Antonietta, George Parker and Donald Guenette.

A new Class 1 Type 1 ambulance was delivered on August 4, 1977 and was purchased from Parks-Superior Sales of Somersville, Conn.

Acushnet received two AAA National Pedestrian Safety Citations. These awards are given as part of AAA's nationwide program to give recognition to local officials who are working toward greater pedestrian safety. Awards are given each year to cities and towns who have had no pedestrian fatalities for the past year. Accepting both awards for the town which were presented by Mrs. Jan Pumilia, Manager of AAA's Southeastern Massachusetts Office in Fairhaven, were Acting Chief of Police Sgt. Roger D. Deschamps and Safety Officer Stephen J. Cassidy, Jr. The awards list a total achievement of twelve years without a pedestrian fatality and are presently on display in the lobby of the Police Department.

Basic Cardiac Life Support Instructors, Officers Barry W. Monte and Gil Marques, Jr. conducted two courses in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), one course being attended by the Officers of the department and another course attended by the Town of Acushnet Volunteer Diving Team. A dummy "Resusi-Annie" was acquired by

the department as an aid to the instructors who conduct these classes.

The Police Training Academy held at New Bedford graduated four more officers during the year. Successfully completing twelve weeks of training and thus complying with Chapter 241 of the Acts of 1974, were Sgt. Michael Poitras, Officers George L. Sylvia, Normand H. Soucy and Kenneth J. Souza.

A Radar Timer Operator's Training Course was conducted at Acushnet on May 20, 1977 by Instructor Raymond H. Berlo qualifying officers to set up, calibrate and operate Police Radar Timers. Qualifying as operators are Acting Chief of Police, Sgt. Roger D. Deschamps, Sergeants Richard G. Langevin and Michael Poitras, Safety Officer Stephen J. Cassidy, Jr. and Officers Henry C. Avila, Gil Marques, Jr., Barry W. Monte, George L. Sylvia, Normand H. Soucy, Kenneth J. Souza, Mary Ann Antonietta, George Parker, Donald Guenette and Malcolm E. Lopes.

Two Clerk/Dispatchers were appointed, Annette Y. Richard and Peggy McLoughlin on January 3rd and July 25th respectively.

Other Activities

Property Checks, Vacations	211
Ambulance Service	334
Summons Served	237
Stolen Vehicles from Acushnet	19
Parking Tickets Issued	637
Accidents Investigated 1976	165
Accidents Investigated 1977	190
Accidents, no police investigation 1977	24
Fatalities	2
House Breaks 1976	72
House Breaks 1977	33
Attempted House Breaks 1976	16
Attempted House Breaks 1977	16
Other Breaks, business, sheds, garages 1976	43
Armed Robbery	0
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued 1976	441
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued 1977	320
Complaints Answered 1976	3694
Complaints Answered 1977	3894
Dog Bites Reported	43
Arrests, motor vehicle, narcotics, B&E, larceny, etc.	66
Miscellaneous Incidents	118
Street Lights Out reported to Electric Co.	150

Officers Of The Police Department

Sgt. Roger D. Deschamps
Acting Chief of Police

Sgt. Richard G. Langevin

Sgt. Michael Poitras

Police Safety Officer

Off. Stephen J. Cassidy, Jr.

Permanent Officers

Earle F. Parker
John Monteiro
Henry C. Avila
Barry W. Monte
Gil Marques, Jr.

Normand H. Soucy
George L. Sylvia
Kenneth J. Souza
Mary Ann Antonietta

Permanent Part Time Officers

William E. Jenkinson
Maria Otocky
Joseph Francis
George Parker
Joseph Pontes

George Marote
Malcolm E. Lopes
William Mazur
Edmund Gelinas
Donald Guenette

Clerks/Dispatchers

Patricia E. Dube
Annette Y. Richard
Peggy McLoughlin

Respectfully submitted,

SGT. ROGER D. DESCHAMPS
Acting Chief of Police

Report of the Acushnet Fire Department

To The Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The following is a report of activities of the Acushnet Fire Department for the year ending 31 December 1977.

During this period of time our trucks made 307 sorties of various sorts in order to assist our Townspeople. These are in addition to our training sessions.

Also all places of public assembly were inspected for their holiday decorations in order to be sure they conformed to the state statutes. Every establishment checked was most cooperative and helpful.

Automobile accidents	10
False Alarms	5
Automatic Alarms	25
Ambulance assists	11
Persons locked out	1
Bomb scares	6
House Fires	22
Mobile Home Fires	1
Shed Fires	9
Dump Fires	0
Barn Fires	3
Dumpster & trash fires	4
Electrical Fires	1
Road Flare Fires	2
Garage Fires	4
Brush & Woods Fires	25
Grass Fires	11
Car & Truck Fires	17
Loader & Bulldozer Fires	2
Chimney Fires	11
Smoke in Buildings	2
Smoke complaints & investigation	27
Flooded Cellars pumped out	34
Tower calls	3
Flooded Oil Burners	2
Assist other Town Departments	9
Fuel & Gasoline wash down	7
Mutual Aid Calls	5
Places of Public Assembly Insp.	48
Burning permits (Cooking, agriculture, seasonal permits)	477
Oil Burner installation permits	33
Oil Storage Permits	23
Blasting Permits	2
Fire Reports	6
Fuel tank inspections	35
Arcing wires	11
Illegal burning	15
Misc. permits	5

If the Fire Department can be of any kind of assistance to you please feel free to call us any time. We are at your beck and call.

Respectfully submitted,

ARSENE J. CUSSON
Fire Chief

Report of the Board of Appeals

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Appeals hereby submits the following report for the year 1977.

There were 16 applications filed in the Town Clerk's office. Hearings were held for each appeal.

Five (5) Special Permits were granted.

Three (3) were denied.

Seven (7) Variances were granted.

One (1) was denied.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE P. MULVEY, Chairman
GEORGE WASHBURN
LEONARD MEREDITH
EUGENE ST. JEAN, Vice-Chairman
NORMAND FORAND
PAUL AUDETTE
PRISCILLA M. DEMERS
BOARD OF APPEALS

Acushnet Civil Defense Agency

To the Officers and Residents of Acushnet:

OFFICERS OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE

David R. Souza, Director
Edmund R. Dufrense, Deputy Director
Kenneth Brehaut, Captain
Michael Medeiros, Lieutenant
Steven E. Arruda, Lieutenant

Since the reactivation of the Civil Defense on October 17, 1977 the Acushnet Civil Defense has reorganized its department with 22 members.

From October 17, to December 31, 1977 a total of 1200 voluntary manhours have been recorded assisting Town departments and residents.

We have totally organized our Civil Defense Rescue Squad Personnel; our goals for 1978 are to extend the training of Civil Defense Rescue Personnel and the acquisition of a Civil Defense Rescue Vehicle and related equipment to enable us to better serve the Townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID R. SOUZA
Civil Defense Director

Veterans Benefits

The Veterans Agent's office has assisted 41 veterans, widows, and the children of deceased veterans in ordinary benefits, fuel allowances, educational benefits and help in filling out V.A. forms, and Social Security Disability aid. This saved the Town of Acushnet \$10,000.00 in the year 1977.

Assistance approved to Widows and Veterans

Ordinary Grants	\$7,500.50
Fuel Allowances	750.00
Doctors	1,500.00
Medicine	650.00
Hospital care	1,250.00
B.C./B.S. insurance	300.50
Dental	400.00
Exp. 1977	<hr/> \$11,351.00
Office exp.	200.00
supplies	105.00
Veterans Agent Salary	102.14

The Commonwealth of Mass. Department of Veterans Services refunds the Town of Acushnet 50% of all approved money spent for this service.

ON V.B.	8
Cases	2 pending
Assisted	31
V.A. Qt.	25

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL P. MOSES
Veterans Agent,
and Director of Veterans Services

Report of the Highway Department

To the Officers and the Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

I would like to review for you some of the larger projects we have done for the past year.

Along with these projects we have the usual chores of filling and placing of sand barrels, picking debris along roadways, cutting brush, breaking and cleaning of troublesome ice patches in many areas.

Listed below is the list of streets and what was done.

Jean St. - 350 ft.

installed drainage system with 150 ft. of Orangeberg 4" and Couplings. Also 200 ft. of 12" Reinforced Concrete pipe. Surface was covered with 3" of Black Top.

Pope Park Job - 400 ft.

installed drainage system including 325 ft. of 12" pipe and 75 ft. of 15" pipe. Surface was then covered and packed with gravel.

Henrietta Drive - 155 ft.

installed drainage system including 155 ft. of 12" Reinforced Concrete pipe. Surface was then covered with 3" of Black Top.

Norton's Job Middle Rd. - 218 ft.

installed drainage including 150 ft. of 18" pipe and 68 ft. of 12" Reinforced Concrete pipe also 3 catch basins. Surface was then excavated.

Mattapoisett Rd.

installed a catch basin for drainage problem

Elaine Way - 975 ft.

patched and oiled.

Hope St. - 1125 ft.

patched and oiled.

Bertrand Way - 600 ft.

patched and oiled.

Michael Way - 425 ft.

patched and oiled.

Pageotte St. - 1200 ft.

patched and oiled.

Rock St. - 800 ft.

patched and oiled.

Park Ave. - 1000 ft.

patched and oiled.

Paulette St. - 315 ft.

patched and oiled.

Diane St. - 560 ft.

patched and oiled.

White St. - 515 ft.

patched and oiled.

Burt St. - 1500 ft.

patched and oiled.

Earle St. - 450 ft.

patched and oiled.

Lantern Lane - 1600 ft.	patched and oiled.
Mason to Marion St. - 825 ft.	patched and oiled.
Norwood St. - 875 ft.	patched and oiled.
Sears Lane - 286 ft.	patched and oiled.
Whelden Lane - 325 ft.	patched and oiled.

Totals for the Above:

Gallons of oil	9,842.5 gal.
Amount of pipe	905 ft.
Total feet oiled	13,376 ft.

There are still many streets that need patching and oiling but because of the high prices of materials we had to put it off for the following year. This way we can stay on the budget.

Respectfully submitted,
MANUEL A. SOL, JR.
Acting Highway Superintendent

Report of the Planning Board

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Planning Board hereby submits the following report for the year 1977.

Regular meetings were held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall.

The Board approved 24 individual plans in accordance with all rules and regulations.

The Subdivision of Land named MIDDLEWOOD ESTATES, submitted by Donald and Alberta A. Desroches was approved in 1977. It is located off Middle Road near Leonard Street.

Our duty is to protect the interests of the Town of Acushnet and we shall continue to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER W. KOCZERA, Chairman

ROBERT W. HALL, Clerk

ROLAND BENOIT

RONALD R. LABONTE

MATTHEW A. CHARBONNEAU

Members of the Board

Report of the Inspector of Buildings

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Building Department issued 200 permits for the year 1977, as follows:

Dwellings	50
Mobile Homes	6
Additions	18
Garages	9
Fireplaces	41
Swimming Pools	16
Commercial and Industrial	3
Institutional	1
Miscellaneous	39
Wood Burning Stoves	2
Demolishing	15

The fair replacement cost for construction on the above permits is \$2,069,991.00.

The construction of dwellings was 12 more than the 1976 figure of 38 dwellings.

The department collected \$2,350.00 in permit fees for the year 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

RENE PEPIN
Inspector of Buildings

Report of the Tree Warden

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Following a bad storm in March of 1977 a procedure for handling emergency situations was established through action by various departments in the town.

Through the cooperation of the Selectmen's Office, Police, Fire, Highway Departments and the New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co. serious problems have been avoided by prompt action. The Highway Department has taken care of most of the problem thus saving the cost of outside help and the New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co. has taken care of trees where a danger from the wires may exist.

The Tree Warden has taken the responsibility for growths along the town's roads as designated by Chapter 87, Section 2 under the State Statutes. I rely heavily on the Highway Department for cutting back the brush to ground level so that areas can then be maintained by mowing.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN A. SPRINGER
Tree Warden

Report of Moth Superintendent (Insect and Pest Control)

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

There were over 30 requests from townspeople for controlling Poison Ivy. Since treatment varies according to location of the Poison Ivy such as in a hedge or landscaped area compared to a roadside problem, the town plans to establish a simple form to be filled out by the person requesting control so we will know where and just what the problem is.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN A. SPRINGER
Superintendent

Report of Park Commissioners

To the officers and residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The year 1977 was a big one for the Park Department. For the second year consecutively we have had a recreational program for the youth of Acushnet. Not only does the program give youth activities to participate in, it also provides many summer jobs for the town residents. The Park Department has also employed several low income youths during the summer.

In April a memorial was dedicated in memory of Alexander Knox, who gave his time and friendship to the youth of Acushnet. Through the efforts of the A.Y.A.A., which donated the stone, Fred Koczera who donated a flag pole and N.B. Wire and Iron which donated the fence, the memorial was completed with no cost to the town.

A regional Pony League baseball tournament was held in July at the park with teams from Brockton, Connecticut and New Bedford, needless to say the N.B. Pony's went on to become World Champions.

The 4th of July celebration was not held this year and was missed by many people. We hope that it will resume next year.

In September, Peter Gelinas resigned from the Park Department because he was leaving to attend school in New Mexico. We wish Peter the best of luck and shall miss him.

In November, Boyd Hudson, Jr. was unanimously appointed by Selectmen and Park Board to replace Peter Gelinas. Mr. Hudson has shown great interest in the Park and is sure to be a help to the board.

The summer program at the Town Beach was well represented by the townspeople and with a little time will improve.

Speed bumps were installed at Pope Park to curb speeding and has worked effectively.

We wish to thank all the people who have donated time and help to us this year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FAGUNDES
JOSEPH P. JASON
BOYD HUDSON JR.

Report of the Cemetery Board

To the Townspeople of Acushnet:

Money provided for cemetery care is derived from interest gained on Perpetual Care Funds.

Schedule of Perpetual Care Funds

Single Graves	\$100.00
8 Grave Lots	\$200.00

Still Available for Sale Are:

Friend's Cemetery, Wing Road	24 Grave Sites
Long Plain Cemetery, Main Street	11 Grave Sites

Respectfully submitted,

ROY MORSE, Chairman
ADAM C. FLUEGEL
LEO T. JACKSON

Report of the Acushnet Board of Health

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet, Massachusetts.

The members of the Board of Health respectfully submit the following report for the year 1977:

After being duly elected as a member of the Board of Health at the Annual Town Election, Emile R. Houle was sworn into office and at the monthly meeting of the Board, the following officers were seated:

Chairman

Girard R. St. Amand

Clerk

Joseph H. Lepage

Inspector

Emile R. Houle

On August 17, 1977, the Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Emile R. Houle who for fifteen years served on the Board and during which time carried out the trust and duties of his elected office with commendable integrity and efficiency. We are sure the best wishes for a successful and fruitful future are extended to Emile by all the Townspeople.

At a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the members of the Board of Health, Mr. Rene Racine was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board.

At this time we wish to publicly extend to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Owen, our well known local artists our appreciation for the rotating display of their art work which has added greatly to the attractiveness of our present headquarters. And, for their gift to the Board of Health of their much admired and renowned painting "Head Of The River".

During the year we hosted Donna Seagraves R.N. and Cynthia J. Lord R.N. who are studying at the Southeastern Massachusetts University for their Bachelor of Science in Nursing and who chose as their assignment the transportation needs of the Senior Citizens of Acushnet. A survey has been made, with the cooperation of the Board of Health; Council on Aging; and Board of Selectmen and others, by Ms. Seagraves and Ms. Lord and the results of that survey have been given to the Board of Selectmen for their future considerations and ultimate presentation to the annual Town Meeting.

Regarding the Health Care and Nursing Facilities of the Board of Health which are under the capable supervision of Katherine H. Church, R.N. we report that the Homemaker-Home Aid Service contract with St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, is still in effect and under the supervision of Mrs. Elaine Tripp, R.N.M.S. We are also an accredited member of the Massachusetts Association of Community Health and approved as a Provider of Health Services.

We are continuing our contract with the Easter Seal Society which

provides us with Physical Therapy; Speech Therapy; Occupational Therapy; and Medical Social Work.

Clinics: Health Programs

SENIOR CITIZENS HEALTH COUNSELLING: Held the Third Tuesday of each month--appointments are to be made through the Council on Aging Office Tel: 995-8528. During the year there were 9 clinics, with 110 attending.

WELL BABY CLINICS: Held the first Wednesday of each month, (except the months of July and August), second floor of the Parting Ways Building at 2 to 4 P.M. During 1977 306 attended (251 children; 55 adults).

Innoculations Given:

107 DPT	14 Tine Tests
45 Measles, Mumps, Rubella	2 Typhoid
140 Oral Polio	26 T.D.
	136 Mantoux

FLU CLINICS: Two Flu Clinics were held during the month of October, 1977.

October 5th	87 persons immunized
October 19th	253 persons immunized
November (at office)	25 persons immunized
December (at office)	17 persons immunized
	<u>382</u>

LEAD POISON PREVENTION CLINICS: Pre-School Children Ages 1-5 Years. Two clinics were held and two Retests:

July 13	86	July 20	62	148
August 10	14	September 19	15	29 Retested
				<u>177</u>

SCHOOL TESTING: The regular programs of testings for the students at the Public and Private schools were held under the direction of the Town's Physician Dr. William A. Jeffrey, who along with Katherine H. Church and the Nursing Staff, is to be commended on the incomparable administration of the Health programs afforded to the Townspeople. Reports of school health programs will be found in the School Department report.

Other Reports:

HORSE CLINICS: 38 Horses and Ponies were immunized against Encephalitis and Tetanus at Garcia's Farm. Another 60 Horses and Ponies were immunized by their own Veterinarians.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES:

Animal Bites	14	Strep Eye	1
Scarlet Fever	2	Rubella	1
Chickenpox	104	T.B.	1
	Total —	123	

PREMATURE BIRTHS: During 1977 there were 9 Premature Births. Of these 7 survived and 2 died.

ON LOAN: In conclusion of the Health Service portion of our report we should like to bring to your attention that we have ON LOAN - MEDICAL EQUIPMENT - HOSPITAL BED - WALKER - CRUTCHES - CANES - COMMODE - and other equipment. Available by calling 995-1908 or 995-0549.

ALSO: The Health Services and Programs are available to all qualified Townspeople. Please contact our Office if we can be of service to you.

PERMITS: The following Permits were issued:

Septic Tanks	92	Removal	9
Food Service	24	Ice Cream	1
Store Milk	15	Five Year Dealer Vehicle	
Day Camp	1	Milk (NEW)	9
Mobile Home Pks	3	Food Handler	12
Piggery	4	Stable	25
Plumbing	66	Vehicle Milk	8
Installer	29	Massage	1
Oleo	11	Pasteurization	2

PLUMBING INSPECTION REPORT: Mr. Andre Trahan our Plumbing Inspector was on a Leave of Absence from 1-1-77 to 9-30-77. In his absence Mr. William Roy, the Alternate Plumbing Inspector, was called on to perform the duties of the Plumbing Inspector.

Mr. Andre Trahan, Plumbing Inspector reported he made 23 inspections.

Mr. William Roy, Alternate Inspector reported he made 43 inspections.

66 Total

During the year of 1977 I received 23 Permits and made the following inspections:

14	New Homes
2	Renovations
4	Hot Water Heaters
1	Mobile Home
1	Garage
1	Bank
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23	

Respectfully submitted,

ANDRE TRAHAN
Plumbing Inspector

During the year of 1977 I received 43 Permits and made the following inspections:

29	New Homes
6	Renovations
5	Hot Water Heaters
1	Mobile Home
2	Sewer Tie Ins
<u>43</u>	

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ROY
Alternate Plumbing Inspector

Respectfully submitted,

GIRARD R. ST. AMAND
RENE RACINE
JOSEPH H. LEPAGE

Report of Sealer of Weights & Measures

To the Townspeople of Acushnet:

Tested, adjusted and sealed measuring and weighing devices.

Carried out routine commodities inspections.

Fees collected and turned in to Town Treasurer: \$166.00.

Salary and expenses: \$448.00.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMOND F. WHALLEY
Sealer

Trustees of Russell Memorial Library

To the Townspeople:

The past year has been both good and bad. Good because book lending increased. Bad because we have been plagued by vandalism throughout the year. Neither the police nor the library personnel can adequately cope with this problem. It will not subside or go away until the parents decide to take some action where their children are concerned. There are problems with the very small children making a nuisance of themselves outside of the building during library hours, and playing on the grounds at other times with the subsequent damage to trees, shrubs, grass, and the building.

The biggest problems stem from teenagers who consider certain areas of the grounds as their "club house" where smoking, drinking of beer, etc., takes place, and the vandalism hatched by these young adults to the library property—broken windows, ruined trees, ripped drain pipes, etc.—is a continuing headache, plus the litter problem.

In spite of improved lighting in the area, these problems continue, and it is the taxpayer who in the final analysis bears the cost of this destruction.

Town residents asked the librarian if instructions in homecrafts could be given at the library during the year. As a consequence, Mrs. Bonville—our librarian—set up beginners' courses in crochet and macrame. The classes were immediately filled, and she received requests for the continuing of these instructions. As time goes on, we hope to increase the types of courses offered provided there is a demand and instructors can be found. A modest fee is charged for each six-week course—the fee going to the instructors.

Acushnet's 18th annual art show was very well attended with viewers from as far away as Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Cape Cod. Acushnet can be proud of its home talent.

Otis J. Tripp who died December 1976 was a very talented artist and dedicated worker in all these shows. Fifty of Mr. Tripp's paintings were exhibited during the 18th annual show as a tribute. We were very grateful to all the people who responded to our appeal for the loan of his paintings.

The library was the recipient of a \$111.11 gift from the estate of Betsey W. Taber—Miss Taber was born in Acushnet. It was kind of Miss Taber to remember the library in her will. Miss Taber and many others donated books during the year—our thanks for this continuing support.

Again for your information, we list library hours—use your library:

2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGETTE A. OWEN

WALTER E. OWEN

KENNETH L. VINCENT

Board of Trustees

Russell Memorial Library

Statistical Report For 1977 **Russell Memorial Library**

Volumes at beginning of year		17,146
Hard bound volumes purchased	168	
Hard bound volumes donated	89	
Paperbacks purchased	338	
Paperbacks donated	168	
Volumes lost/withdrawn	38	
Volumes added during the year		<u>725</u>
		17,871
Periodical subscriptions purchased	26	
Periodical subscriptions donated	39	
Subscriptions for year	65	
	Registration	
Borrowers at beginning of year		3,198
Adult/Young borrowers registered	119	
Juvenile borrowers registered	97	
Registered borrowers for year	216	
Borrowers at end of year		3,414
	Circulation	
Patrons' interlibrary loans request filled		43
Films borrowed from interlibrary loan		7
Bookmobile records borrowed		70
Adult/Young Adult books circulated	15,777	
Juvenile books circulated	<u>8,130</u>	
Total books circulated at end of year	23,907	

Respectfully submitted,
BARBARA BONVILLE
Librarian

Report of the Council on Aging

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The members of the Council on Aging wish to make the following report to you:

The Council has held meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month during the year 1977. The office is open from 9:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. Monday through Friday to render referral and information service to our fellow Senior Citizens.

The Nutritional Lunch Program is available to all Seniors. An average of seventy-one meals are served daily at the Drop-In center and meals are brought to the homes of those who are handicapped, home bound, or physically unable to come to the site.

The Drop-In center is open until 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. Card tables are in play daily. Bingo is held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Bowling on Thursday afternoon. Educational films are presented periodically at the center following lunch which is served at 12 noon.

A new program, Coastline Elderly Services, which provides Home Care, is now available to Acushnet seniors. For further information please call 995-8528.

Mr. Abel Plaud, a member of the Council, received a certificate of achievement in April of 1977 for satisfactory completion of the Pre-Retirement training program at Bristol Community College in Fall River. The seven week course included lectures and films on the services available to the elderly.

The Board of Health staff provides a Counseling Clinic to anyone 59 years and older who contacts the Council on Aging office for an appointment one week prior to the third Tuesday of each month. The clinic is held in the Council on Aging office from 1 to 4 P.M.

The members of the Council wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to the volunteers who participated in the Elderly Nutritional program and to the Board of Selectmen for their assistance to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

LIONEL TETREAU
Chairman

Report of the Acushnet Housing Authority

To the Officers and the Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Housing Authority is pleased to announce that in its fourth year of occupancy all is well at the Presidential Terrace, housing for the elderly.

The members of the board would like to thank everyone who has helped to keep Presidential Terrace running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

CAMILLE BOYER, Chairman

JOHN SYLVIA, Vice-Chairman

WILLIAM SAVAGE, Secretary

DIANE GAGNON, Treasurer

JOHN SOUSA, Asst. Treasurer

ROBERT BERGERON, Executive Director

SANDRA KEIGHLEY, Clerk

Report of the Acushnet Historical Commission

Most of our efforts in 1977 went into improvements at the Long Plain School Museum, both in adding items of interest and in repair work.

Blinds were put up at the front windows, as early pictures showed that the school originally had these. Plexiglas covers were installed on the display tables. Heavy plastic was put over all the windows for the winter, and some landscaping work was done as well.

The plumbing has been gone over and the furnaces repaired, although there is still work to be done on one of the furnaces, which will be taken care of next summer.

New items have been added in the Museum, including an interesting display on golf balls set up by the Acushnet Company. Also, we have acquired several manikins which are being used to display clothing of the early 19th century.

Throughout the summer the Museum was managed by a young man from CETA and three girls from the Youth Work Experience. At present the CETA man is doing more research on old homes in the area...those built around 1860 or before. We also plan to research old family cemeteries so that plaques may be put on them similar to those on the houses.

As we mentioned last year, postcards of the Museum were made up and are available.

Two of our members, Mrs. Josephine Allen and Mr. Ronald Gaudette, have resigned from the Commission during this past year, and we thank them for their capable and always willing help in the years they were with us.

BERTHA HOLT
TONI BOISSONEAU
HAROLD CRAPO
STEPHEN GILMORE
LEO JACKSON
ROBERTA LEONARD
RALPH MACOMBER

Report of the Gas Inspector

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

I have had 53 gas inspections from the date of January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

At this time I would like to thank members of the Town Clerk's Office, Selectmen's Office and homeowners for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER DUFF, Gas Inspector
RAY LAFRANCE, Deputy Gas Inspector

Report of the Water Department

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Water Department installed 37 new services plus 6 partial services. The semi-annual flushing of hydrants was completed. We also started to update our metering system which will continue in this current year. Also we replaced a few hydrants which were hit by vehicles. There were a few mains that failed us which we repaired. This department watched the installation of a new 12" main line on Wing Road, Noyer Street and Hathaway Road and tie ins to all side streets to increase the volume of water to the outlying areas of Mendall Road and Mattapoissett Road.

In this coming year all our past procedures will continue and all new problems will be handled as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. RICHARD
Acting Foreman

Report of the Wire Department

The Wire Department had 168 applicants for Wiring Permits in the calendar year 1977.

John T. Koska, Wire Inspector and Joseph DeCosta, Deputy Wire Inspector wish to thank town officers, employees and applicants for their cooperation in our effort to enforce Wiring Regulations in the Town of Acushnet.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. KOSKA
Wire Inspector

Report of the Street Name Committee

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Street Name Committee respectfully submits the following report for the year 1977.

The Street Name Committee held 4 regular meetings and 1 special meeting during the year 1977. The following is a summary of business conducted during the year.

Accepted street names for 1 new development in town, Lynnewood Estates. Lynne Ellen Drive and Kimberly Way are the names of the streets in this development.

The Street Name Committee again would like to thank the Highway Department for adding more new street signs this year and replacing those that have been vandalized.

Respectfully submitted,

GERARD BERGERON, Chairman
HENRY AVILA, Vice-Chairman
RICHARD GONNEVILLE, Clerk
MANUEL GOULART, Member

Report of the Dog Officer

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

July 1, 1977 to December 13, 1977:

Number of dogs licensed:	649
Number of dogs unlicensed:	560
Total number of dogs in Acushnet:	1209
Number of dogs caught:	36
Number of dogs destroyed:	23
Number of dogs sold:	13
Number of complaints:	278

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE SOUZA, JR.
Dog Officer

Report of the Animal Inspector

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of dogs quarantined:	34
Number of cattle inspected (including cows, heifers, calves, bulls & beef):	845
Number of horses inspected:	79
Number of ponies inspected:	18
Number of swine inspected:	72
Number of goats and sheep inspected:	34

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE SOUZA, JR.
Animal Inspector

**Annual Town Meeting
April 25, 1977**

Article 1.

	PURPOSE	AMOUNT VOTED	HOW PROVIDED
1a	Moderator — Salary	\$ 225.00	Raise by taxation
1b	Moderator — Dept'l Expense	25.00	Raise by taxation
2	Finance Committee — Dept'l Expense	400.00	Raise by taxation
3a	Selectmen — Salaries	4,000.00	Raise by taxation
3b	Selectmen — Executive Sec., Salary	14,394.00	Raise by taxation
3c	Selectmen — Dept'l Expense	8,495.00	Raise by taxation
3d	Selectmen — Clerical Salaries	6,224.00	Raise by taxation
4a	Town Accountant — Salary	9,000.00	Raise by taxation
4b	Town Accountant — Dept'l Expense	1,500.00	Raise by taxation
5a	Treas. Coll. Twn. Clk. — Salary	16,050.00	Raise by taxation
5b	Treas. Coll. Twn. Clk. — Clerical Sal.	24,000.00	Raise by taxation
5c	Treas. Coll. Twn. Clk. — Dept'l Exp.	15,675.00	Raise by taxation
6a	Registrar of Voters — Salaries	1,500.00	Raise by taxation
6b	Registrar of Voters — Dept'l Exp.	3,200.00	Raise by taxation
7a	Assessors — Salaries	2,836.00	Raise by taxation
7b	Assessors Clerks — Salaries	14,207.00	Raise by taxation
7c	Assessors — Dept'l Expenses	2,460.00	Raise by taxation
7d	Sectional Plotting	500.00	Raise by taxation
8	Planning Board — Dept'l Expense	650.00	Raise by taxation
9	Board of Appeals — Dept'l Exp.	650.00	Raise by taxation
10a	Town Hall Custodian — Salary	9,032.00	Raise by taxation
10b	Town Hall — Dept'l Expense	13,700.00	Raise by taxation
11a	Inspector of Animals — Salary	166.00	Raise by taxation
11b	Inspector of Animals — Dept'l Exp.	100.00	Raise by taxation
12a	Police Chief — Salary	16,975.00	Raise by taxation
12b	Police Dept. — Salaries	211,320.00	182,636.00 = Federal Revenue Sharing and 28,684.00 = Raise by taxation
12c	Police Dept. — Dept'l Expense	28,402.00	Raise by taxation
13a	Fire Chief — Salary	15,073.00	Raise by taxation
13b	Fire Dept. — Salaries	50,383.00	Raise by taxation
13c	Fire Dept. — Dept'l Expense	9,212.00	Raise by taxation
14a	Building Inspector — Salary	2,400.00	Raise by taxation
14b	Deputy Building Inspector — Salary	1,500.00	Raise by taxation
14c	Building Dept., — Dept'l Expense	2,190.00	Raise by taxation
14d	Building Dept. — Clerical Salaries	1,200.00	Raise by taxation
15a	Wire Inspector — Salary	1,414.00	Raise by taxation
15b	Deputy Wire Inspector — Salary	1,284.00	Raise by taxation
15c	Wire Dept. — Dept'l Exp.	200.00	Raise by taxation
16a	Gas Inspector — Salary	1,080.00	Raise by taxation
16b	Deputy Gas Inspector — Salary	150.00	Raise by taxation
16c	Gas Inspector — Dept'l Expense	75.00	Raise by taxation
17a	Sealer of Weights & Measures — Salary	438.00	Raise by taxation
17b	Sealer of Weights & Meas. — Dpt. Exp.	88.00	Raise by taxation
18	Moth Suppression	1,000.00	Raise by taxation
19a	Tree Warden — Salary	160.00	Raise by taxation
19b	Tree Warden — Dept'l Exp.	1,250.00	Raise by taxation
20a	Dog Officer — Salary	1,209.00	Raise by taxation
20b	Dog Officer — Dept'l Exp.	2,480.00	Raise by taxation
21	Civilian Defense — Dept'l Exp.	875.00	Raise by taxation

22a	Conservation Fund	1,500.00	Raise by taxation
22b	Conservation Comm. — Dept'l Exp.	250.00	Raise by taxation
23a	Board of Health — Salaries	1,496.00	Raise by taxation
23b	Board of Health — Dept. Salaries	40,827.00	Raise by taxation
23C	Board of Health — Dept'l Exp.	22,000.00	Raise by taxation
24a	Highway Dept. — Salaries	77,604.00	Raise by taxation
24b	Highway Dept. — Dept'l Exp.	62,950.00	Raise by taxation
24c	Street Lights	24,000.00	Raise by taxation
24d	Snow Removal	8,800.00	Raise by taxation
25a	Veterans Agent — Salary	1,226.00	Raise by taxation
25b	Veterans Benefits — Dept'l Exp.	22,600.00	Raise by taxation
26a	Schools — Travel	500.00	Raise by taxation
26b	Schools — Dept'l Expense	1,774,043.00	(1,772,026.00 = Raise by taxation 2,017.00 = Transfer S. P. Manter Fund
26c	Schools — Vocational Education	11,140.00	Raise by taxation
26d	Regional Vocational High School	598,459.83	Raise by taxation
27a	Libraries — Salaries	6,136.00	11,140.34 =
27b	Libraries — Dept'l. Exp.	5,710.00)	Raise by taxation. 705.66 + Trans- fer from County Dog Fund
28	Park Dept. — Dept'l Exp.	22,960.00	Raise by taxation
29	Christmas Decorations	500.00	Raise by taxation
30a	Water Dept. — Salaries	22,200.00	40,539.64 =
30b	Water Dept. — Dept'l Expense	100,000.00	transfer from Water Surplus 81,660.36 = transfer from Water Revenue
31	Cemetery Board — Dept'l Expense	1,000.00	Raise by taxation
32a	Maturing Debt and Interest — Debt	273,000.00	Raise by taxation
32b	Maturing Debt and Interest — Interest	85,302.00	Raise by taxation
33	Insurance — Motor Vehicles	6,000.00	Raise by taxation
34	Insurance — Public Buildings	15,000.00	Raise by taxation
35	Bristol County Retire. Assessment	68,647.95	Raise by taxation
36	Workmen's Compensation Insurance	10,000.00	Raise by taxation
37	Blue Cross-Blue Shield	50,000.00	Raise by taxation
38	Mosquito Control Assessment	100.00	Raise by taxation
39	Memorial Purposes	1,300.00	Raise by taxation
40	Sewer Pumping Charges	179.00	Raise by taxation
41	Dutch Elm Disease	500.00	Raise by taxation
42	July 4th Celebration	800.00	Raise by taxation
43	By-Law Committee	50.00	Raise by taxation
44	Legal fees	5,000.00	Raise by taxation
45	Engineering Consulting fees	2,500.00	Raise by taxation
46	Dump Contract	49,570.11	Raise by taxation
47	Council on Aging	3,150.00	Raise by taxation
48	Soil Conservation Commission	25.00	Raise by taxation
49	Industrial Development Comm.	50.00	Raise by taxation
50	Historical Commission	2,608.00	Raise by taxation
51	Safety Committee	50.00	Raise by taxation
52	Street Name Committee	50.00	Raise by taxation
53	Building Board of Appeals	25.00	Raise by taxation
54	Reserve Fund	40,000.00	36,372.13 = Raise by taxation 3,627.87 = trans-

		fer from Overlay Reserve
Art. 9	Gas Inspector services 9/29/75 to 7/1/76	810.00 Transfer from E&D Act.
10	To update Public records equipment	3,000.00 Title II Anti-rec.
11	Engaging a registered consult. engineer	5,000.00 Trans. from Stab. Fund
12	Pay back bill to Mellody Clinic	27.00 Raise by taxation
16	Hayes Street reconstruction	5,381.00 Transfer from Stab. Fund
20	Painting the Parting Ways Building	18,875.00 Title II — Anti-re
21	For water proofing Town Hall	2,025.00 Title II — Anti-re
22	For rock salt/sand bin — High. Dept.	720.00 Title II — Anti-re
23	For damage to A. Correira's eyeglasses	23.00 Trans. E&D Acct.
25	Purchasing 2 new Police cruisers	8,410.00 Title II — Anti-re
31	Park Dept. for improvements	1,100.00 Title II — Anti-re
32	Purchasing Photo-copy machine	1,895.00 Title II — Anti-re
36	Purpose of improving water system	300,000.00 Raise by Borrowing
37	Second portion of town reassessing	15,000.00 Title II — Anti-re
35	Highway Dept. Maintenance Account	3,800.00 Transfer from Wage Acct. to Dept'l. Acct.
38	To pay D.W. White — Middle Rd. Recon.	4,068.62 (1) Transfer 3,215.11 from Dayton St. Rec.
		(2) Transfer 500.00 from Police-Fire Sta. Study
		(3) Transfer from Wamsutt Ave. Reconstr. \$159.51
		(4) Transfer 194.00 from Lisa Ave. Reconstr.
		<hr/> \$4,289,290.51

SUMMARY:

Raise by taxation	3,607,996.36
From E & D Account	833.00
Federal Revenue Sharing Account	182,636.00
Anti-Recession, Title II Fiscal Assistance	51,025.00
Water Surplus	40,539.64
Water Revenue	81,660.36
Stabilization Fund	10,381.00
By Borrowing, Art. 36.	300,000.00
Overlay Reserve	3,627.87
Other available funds	10,591.28
	<hr/> \$4,289,290.51 <hr/>

Article 2: Unanimously voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1977, in accordance with the provisions of

General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. (2/3 vote-hands not counted as it was unanimous.)

Article 3: Unanimously voted to authorize the members of the Cemetery Board to perform work in the Cemeteries and to determine the compensation to be paid to said members.

Article 4: It was voted unanimously to utilize in the amount of \$182,636.00, Federal Revenue Sharing funds received or to be received for the Police Dept. Salaries for fiscal 1978. (Line 12B of Article 1)

Article 5: It was voted to table Article 5 which was to appropriate an amount not to exceed ten (10) percent of the amount raised in 1976 by taxation of real estate and tangible personal property for the purpose of contributing a Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of Gen. Laws, Chapter 40, Section 58. (2/3 vote 180 yes, 10 no.)

Article 6: It was voted to decrease from five School Committee members to three School Committee members the persons who may vote to fill vacancies or make appointments to the Old Colony Regional Vocational School Committee, so as to create an even vote, so that there will be three School Committeemen, three Selectmen, and the Town Moderator, who may vote to fill vacancies or make appointments to the Old Colony Regional Vocational School Committee. 139 Yes, 64 No.

Article 7: Unanimously voted against petitioning the General Court for authority to revoke its acceptance of Section 47 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws placing officials, clerical and labor forces with the Civil Service.

Article 8: Motion failed to pass to allow the Town to petition the General Court for authority to revoke its acceptance of Section 48 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws placing the Chief of Police with the Civil Service.

Article 9: Unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$810.00 from E&D Account to pay bills received by any department after the books were closed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 for services rendered during said fiscal year as follows: Alexander Duff, 10 Mapleton Street, Acushnet, - Gas Inspector for services rendered from September 29, 1975 to July 1, 1976. 4/5th vote taken. Hands not counted as it was unanimous.

Article 10: Voted on Article 33 prior to taking up this article.

It was voted to utilize Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title II Antirecession Fiscal Assistance funds received/on hand for the purpose of complying with letter of 1/26/77 from Commonwealth Office of the Supervisor of Public Records to update the public records equipment at the Town Hall, in the amount of \$3,000.

Article 11: Motion failed to pass Article 11 at the first session. However, permission was granted at the end of the meeting to reconsider the article at the May 3rd (2nd session) meeting, and it was granted.

At this meeting it was voted to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$2,500 to engage a consultant engineer for sub-division supervision with the approval of the selectmen. 82 Yes, 10 No.

Article 12: Unanimously voted to raise by taxation the sum of \$27.00 to compensate Mellody Clinic of Chiropractic, for services rendered to former Police Officer Richard Asquino. (4/5th vote. Hands not counted as it was unanimous.)

Article 13: Motion failed to pass to amend the Protective By-Law: to provide under 5.2 (b) the following use (g) Multiple Housing for the Elderly. (2/3 vote needed. 31 Yes, 119 No.)

Article 14: It was voted to table Article 14 which would have amended the Protective by-law as follows: to provide under Section 4, "Permitted Uses" (add a new paragraph 4.9), to allow kennel licenses. (2/3 vote needed. 102 Yes, 34 No.)

Article 15: It was voted to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to act and enter into contract for the expenditures of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth of Mass. and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads.

Article 16: Unanimously voted to transfer from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$5,381 for the reconstruction of Hayes Street from So. Main Street easterly a distance of 375 feet, 28 feet width, more or less, providing that the work be done only if and when Glicksman Trucking meet the new street layout with blacktop and that Cumberland Farms problems be corrected (sewerage). (2/3 vote needed. Hands not counted as it was unanimous.)

Article 17: Unanimously voted to rescind action under Article 7

of the April 7, 1975 Annual Town Meeting relative to Police and Fire Chief wages, by substituting as follows: allow Board of Selectmen right to negotiate a salary not to exceed \$6,000 over the highest paid Police Officer, Firefighter.

Article 18: Unanimously voted to discontinue Conduit Street from Ward Street, northerly fifty (50) feet more or less, only after it was amended "that the ownership to revert back to the present abutters."

Article 19: Tabled Article 19 which was to reconstruct Frank Street, and provide a sum of money therefor. (2/3 vote. Hands not counted as it was unanimous.)

Article 20: It was voted to transfer from Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title II Antirecession Fiscal Assistance Funds received/on hand the sum of \$18,875 for the purpose of painting the Parting Ways Building, also to do necessary repairs.

Article 21: It was voted to utilize Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title II Antirecession Fiscal Assistance funds received/on hand the sum of \$2,025 for the purpose of water proofing Town Hall.

Article 22: It was voted to utilize Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title II Antirecession Fiscal Assistance funds received/on hand for the purpose of purchasing/constructing a rock salt/sand bin for use of the Highway Department in the amount of \$720.

Article 23: It was voted to transfer from E&D Account the sum of \$23.00 to compensate Arlene Correia, 929 Wildwood Road, New Bedford, for damage caused to her eyeglasses due to alleged water curb box protruding in front of 5 Boylston St.

Article 24: Tabled Article 24 which was to compensate Shirley Arruda \$40.00 for damage caused to her clothing due to alleged poor condition of Wing Lane. 92 Yes, 18 No.

Article 25: It was voted to transfer the sum of \$8,410 from Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title II Antirecession Fiscal Assistance funds received/on hand for the purpose of purchasing two (2) new Police Cruiser cars.

Article 26: It was voted to raise by taxation the sum of \$750 (a raise of 12c per hr. for call firefighters) to increase their wages. Reflected in 13B of Article 1.

Article 27: Motion failed to pass that any/all town employees that reside in the Town of Acushnet as of June 1, 1977 must continue to live in the Town for the duration of their employment by the Town and if any employee leaves/moves from the Town of Acushnet for more than 3 months they shall lose their employment with the Town of Acushnet. Any new Town employee must reside in the Town before their employment, or take any action.

Article 28: It was voted to WHEREAS: Compulsory and binding arbitration for police and fire negotiations has been shown to undercut severely the powers of home rule by requiring an outside arbitrator to choose the final settlement;

AND WHEREAS: The effect of the trial period of this law has been to undermine effective collective bargaining;

AND WHEREAS: This law has contributed significantly to higher local budgets and increased property taxes by raising the level of all local wage settlements...

NOW THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Acushnet Town Meeting hereby votes to convey to our elected State Representatives and Senators our desire that there be no extension of compulsory and binding arbitration beyond its termination dates of June 30, 1977, so that final authority for determining local expenditures be returned to town meeting.

Article 29: Unanimously voted to adopt as read WHEREAS: Uncertainties about the sum of money allocated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the various categories of local aid makes sound financial planning impossible for local officials;

AND WHEREAS: Local aid is in many cases partial state funding of state mandated programs imposed without the consent of local officials;

AND WHEREAS: Local real estate taxes have been impacted to the breaking point by such mandated programs...

NOW THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Acushnet Town Meeting that our elected State Representatives and Senators be urged to support an increase in the amount of local aid funding for fiscal 1978 at least sufficient to cover the increased costs of state mandated programs and inflation.

Article 30: Unanimously voted to adopt as read WHEREAS:

State mandated programs which are unfunded by the state represent in most cases continued erosion of home rule;

AND WHEREAS: Such programs present an increasingly onerous burden on local budgets and on the property tax...

NOW THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Acushnet Town Meeting that our elected State Representatives and Senators be urged to work against the passage of all legislation imposing additional costs on local governments.

Article 31: Unanimously voted to utilize Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title II Antirecession Fiscal Assistance funds received/on hand for the purposes of improvements under the Park Department jurisdiction, in the amount of \$1,100.00.

Article 32: It was voted to transfer the sum of \$1,895.00 from Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title II Antirecession Fiscal Assistance funds received/on hand for the purpose of purchasing a photocopy machine for use of the various offices in the Town Hall.

Article 33: It was voted to utilize Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title II Antirecession Fiscal Assistance funds received/on hand and determine the method of expending said funds.

Article 34: Motion to amend Section 3 of the Protective By-Law failed to pass relative to adding the following new paragraph 3.7: **RATE OF DEVELOPMENT:** All construction of dwelling units located within areas of land subject to the jurisdiction of the Planning Board under the Subdivision Control Law shall not be developed by the construction of dwelling units at a greater rate than that permitted by the following schedule:

a. Subdivisions containing sufficient area to provide more than five building lots at the maximum intensity permitted under the Protective By-Law shall not be developed by the construction of dwelling units at a greater rate than one fifth each year of the total lots shown on an approved definitive subdivision plan. (rounded to the nearest whole number)

b. Subdivisions containing five lots or less if developed at the maximum intensity permitted under the Protective By-Law shall be developed by the construction of dwelling units at a rate of not more than one additional dwelling unit per year. (2/3 vote. 81 Yes, 43 No.)

Motion made to reconsider this article also failed to pass to be able to get some discussion. (2/3 vote 46 for reconsidering and 53 against.)

Article 35: It was voted to transfer the sum of \$3,800 from the Highway Department Wages Account to the Highway Department Maintenance Account.

Article 36: Unanimously voted to appropriate by borrowing the sum of \$300,000 for 15 years for the purpose of improving the water system. Cost to be borne by the water users for the cause of improving the system. (2/3 vote needed. No hands counted as it was unanimous.)

Article 37: (1) Article amended as follows: "To instruct the Board of Assessors that the 100% valuation is not to be implemented until 1980 (fiscal 81).

(2) It was voted to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Title II Antirecession fiscal assistance funds, as second portion of the amount needed for the purpose of reassessing all real estate properties at a full and uniform valuation.

Article 38: Unanimously voted to transfer a sum of money from the following:

Police-Fire Station Study Committee	\$500.00
Dayton Street Reconstruction	3,215.11
Wamsutta Avenue Reconstruction	159.51
Lisa Avenue Reconstruction	194.00

to pay Donald White for Middle Road Construction outstanding bill in the amount of \$4,068.62 (4/5 vote. Hands not counted as it was unanimous.)

Article 39: Original article read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective By-Law as follows: Section 3.3 "yard depths" rear yard (20) feet, and insert in place thereof: ten (10) feet, or take any other action relative thereto. (Planning Board held necessary hearing.)

Amended to specify to allow within 10 feet for specific purpose of pools outdoor swimming in ground of above ground and storage sheds not to exceed 120 square feet, and it was voted in favor of the amended article. (2/3 vote. 93 Yes, 19 No.)

Attest: Yvonne B. Desrosiers, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting October 11, 1977

Moderator: A. P. Stuart Gilmore

At 7:50 P.M. the Moderator announced that a quorum - (3% of 4,971 voters or 149) was present. At the adjournment of the meeting 160 names had been checked on the voting lists.

The following business was transacted:

Article 1: a. Unanimously voted to table Article 1 regarding Swimming Pools regulations to be added to our Town's Protective By-Laws, as read.

b. Unanimously voted to table Article 1 after amendment was made on the article which read: "Motion made and seconded that Article 1 be tabled until such time as the By-Law is refined into 2 groups. (1) in ground pools. (2) Above ground pools, and a public hearing be held."

Article 2: It was voted to accept Article 2, after amendment was voted on to read "may require".

It was voted that Selectmen may require that uniformed Police Officer/Officers be mandatory to be in attendance at any public event held in the Town and that number of Officers be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 3: Unanimously voted to rescind the action taken on Article 11, of the Annual Town Meeting, held on April 25, 1977, which had called for the transfer of \$2,500 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of engaging a registered consultant engineer to oversee subdivisions for the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen.

Article 4: Article 4 was tabled until the funding and exact figures for this project are available. The article read: "To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 44A to 44K inclusive of Chapter 40 of the General Laws providing for the establishment of a Regional Refuse Disposal District, together with the Towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven and the City of New Bedford, and the construction, maintenance and operation of a Regional Refuse Disposal Facility for said District, in accordance with the provisions of a proposed Agreement filed with the Selectmen. (2/3 vote needed. 144 in favor of tabling the article. 2 against.)

Article 5: Article 5 was tabled until such time as funding is worked out. The article read: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for special legislation erecting and constituting and otherwise validating the creation of a Regional Refuse Disposal District for the Towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, and the City of New Bedford, under the provisions of General Laws. Chapter 40,

notwithstanding any failure upon any of the member municipalities to comply with the provisions of Section 44A through 44D of said Chapter, 40. (2/3 vote needed. 139 in favor of tabling the article. 1 against.)

Article 6: It was voted that the Board of Assessors be instructed that 100% reevaluation of all real estate properties at a full and uniform valuation be implemented as of July 1980. (Article 37 of the Annual Town Meeting of 4/25/77 voted same.) The town has set with the Dept. of Corp. date for implementing 100% as of July 1979.

Article 7: Unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$33,031.18, from Anti-recession, Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title II Fiscal Assistance Funds for the purposes of purchasing equipment for the Highway Dept., Fire Dept., Police Dept., and any other town department as deemed necessary.

Article 8: Unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the E&D Account in anticipation of reimbursements from and to be reduced by Federal and/or Commonwealth of Massachusetts sources, to be used for the cost of engineering services for the completion of a Step I facilities plan consistent with existing federal regulations pursuant to public law 92-500 and its amendments for the purpose of determining a cost effective and environmentally sound plan for sewage disposal for the town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make application for, and to do anything necessary to implement such project for the Town.

Article 9: Unanimously voted to transfer from Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title II Antirecession Fiscal Assistance Funds, the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of installing a drainage system at Pine Street, and also any necessary appurtenances.

Article 10: It was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to file an Act relative to the Police Force in the Town of Acushnet, the Act to read: "Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary regulating the maximum age of Police Officers, Joseph Francis, may be appointed as a Permanent Full Time Police Officer in the Town of Acushnet, provided he passes or has passed a qualifying examination."

Article 11: It was voted to investigate the future purchase of land for a Wellfield on land located in the vicinity of Main and Leonard Street on land now owned by White's Dairy. ("The above article was in no way a commitment to buy any land. It was a sense of the meeting vote so that the Finance Committee would know in what way the Town should plan for future growth. This land was recommended by Whitman & Howard in its water study for the Town.")

The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Attest: Yvonne B. Desrosiers, Town Clerk

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Acushnet At A Glance

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 8,552 (estimated)

8,439 (State Census)

Valuation: \$11,060,910.00

Tax Rate: \$252.00/per \$1000

Registered Voters: 4,971

Total Area: 18 square miles

Number of Dwellings: 2,491 (including Mobile Homes)

Churches: 6

Public Schools: 3

Parochial Schools: 1

Banks, Credit Union: 1

Principal Industries:

golf ball mfg., road surface materials, farming, apple,
peach orchards, box factory, saw mill, landscape nurseries

Twelfth Congressional District:

Congressman Gerry Studds — 999-1251

Fourth Bristol Representative District:

Rep. William Q. MacLean, Jr. — 992-4235 Home
727-5455 Office

Second Bristol Senatorial District:

Senator Mary Fonseca — Tel. 672-4100

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS: 1st Monday in April